

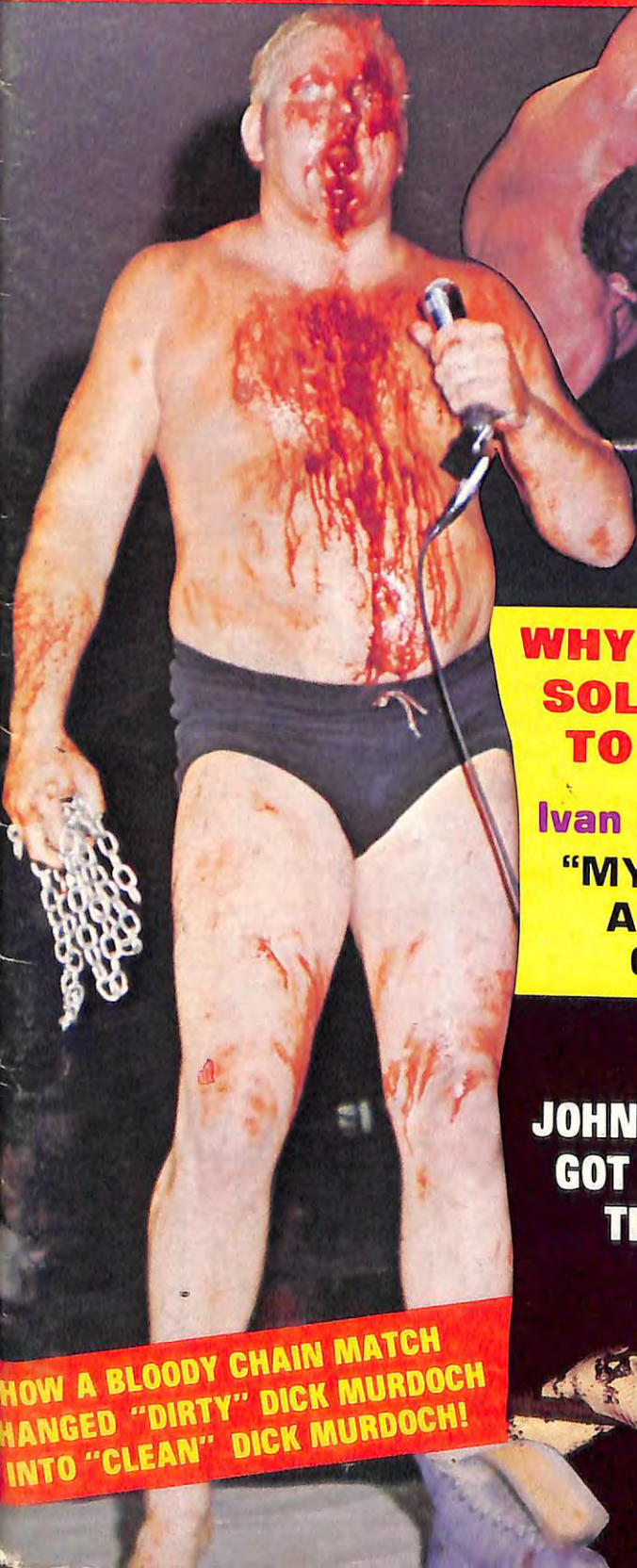
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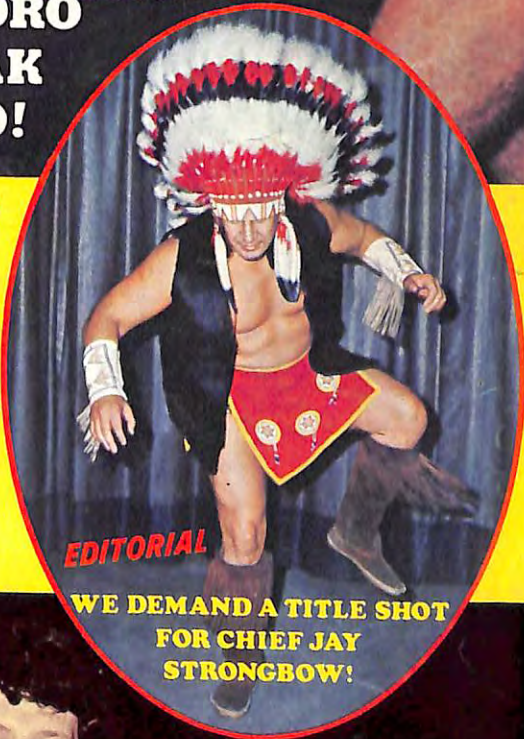
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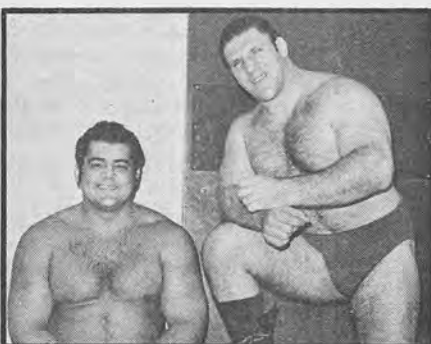
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More men everyday are becoming aware of the importance of keeping their bodies fit. Once having decided to do something about it, however, they find themselves confronted with a bewildering array of health plans, training techniques and equipment. Which one to choose? We decided to ask an expert: Paul Graham, Mr. Universe 1972 and leading fitness authority.

Q. What does it take to keep fit?

A. Physical fitness is primarily a matter of getting enough of the right type of exercise.

Q. Don't we get enough exercise in our daily lives?

A. Unless you're a professional athlete or a manual laborer, the answer is probably no.

Q. Won't sports do the job?

A. Of course they will, provided you engage in a "complete" sport like swimming, jogging, squash, etc. often enough and for a long enough period. An hour of training a day should put any man in top shape.

Q. Isn't there an easier way?

A. Yes. There is one outstandingly effective training

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Q. What's that?

A. The Bullworker is a revolutionary new exerciser based on Isometrics, the science that increases muscular strength up to three times faster than conventional methods.

Q. How long does Bullworker training take?

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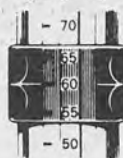
Q. But it's hard work, isn't it?

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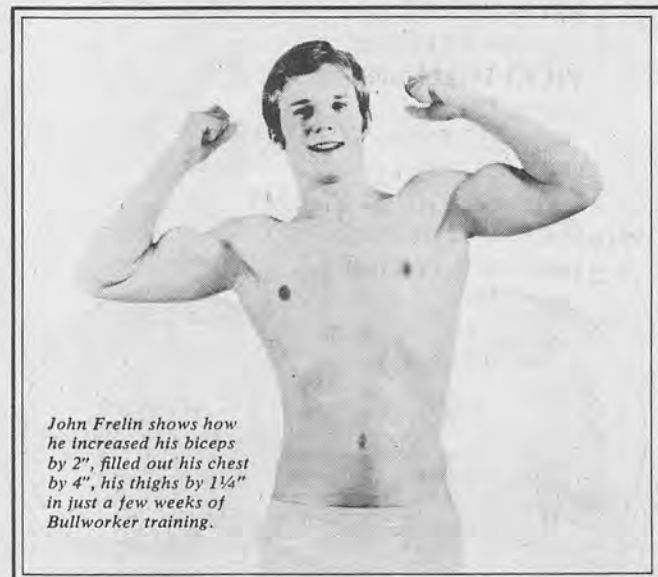
A. Definitely. It's been proven by more than a million men of every shape and size all over the world.

Q. Is there an age limit?

A. Generally speaking, men between 15 and 65 in good general health can expect to benefit from fitness and strength building training.

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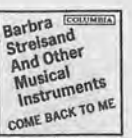
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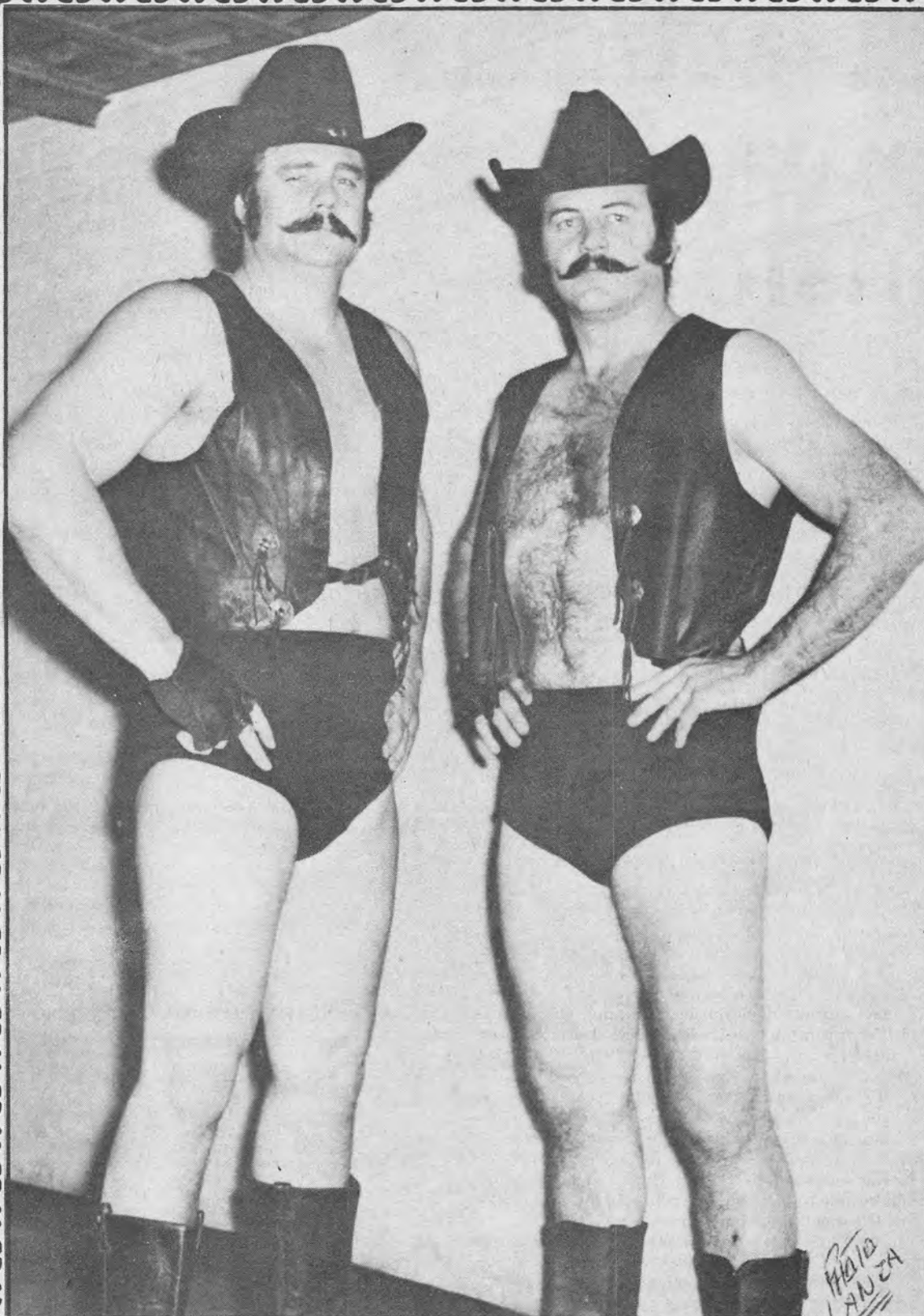
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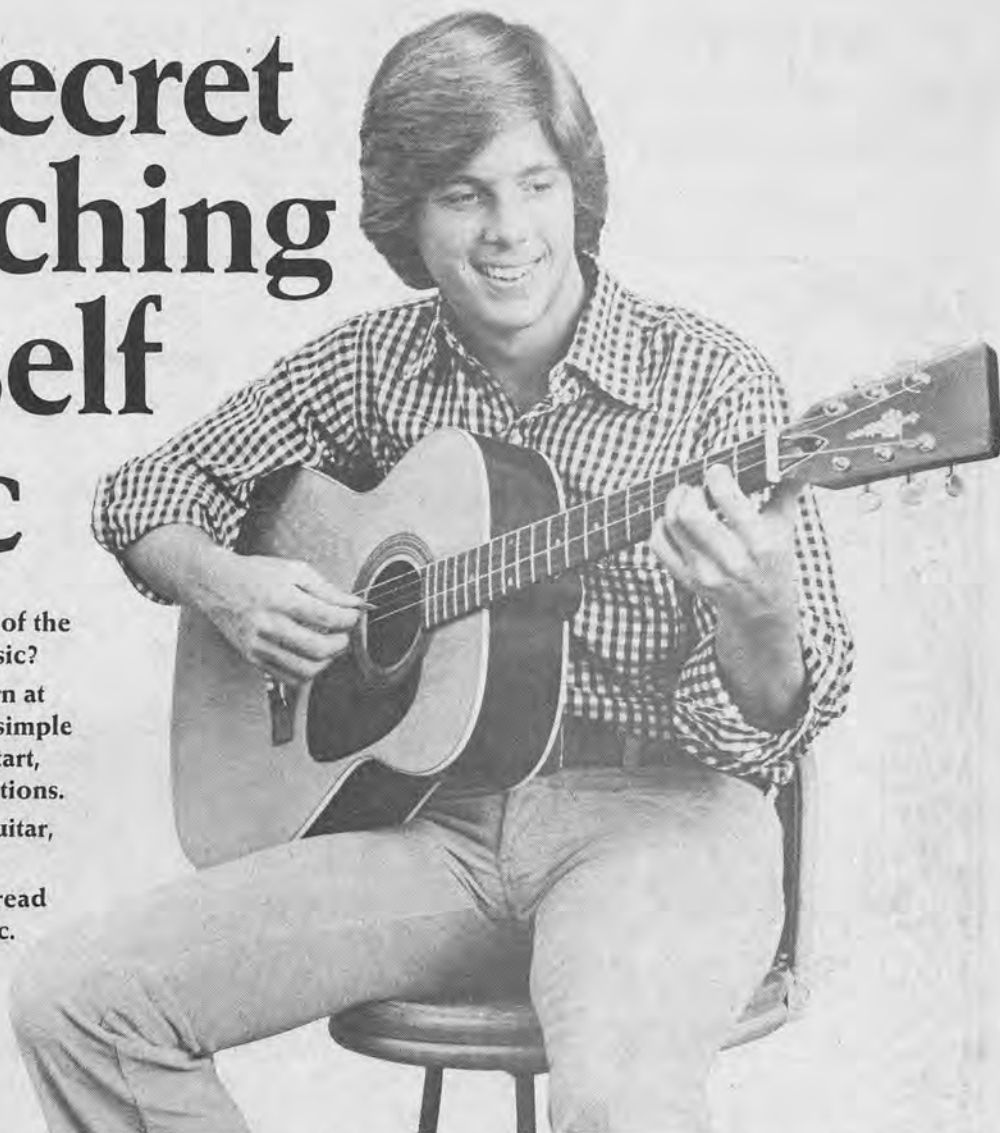
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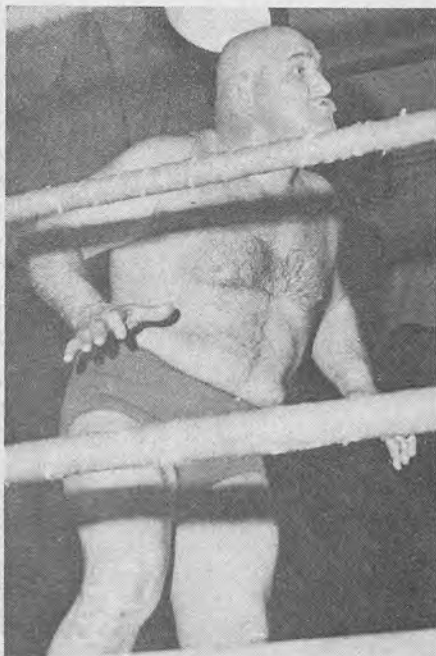
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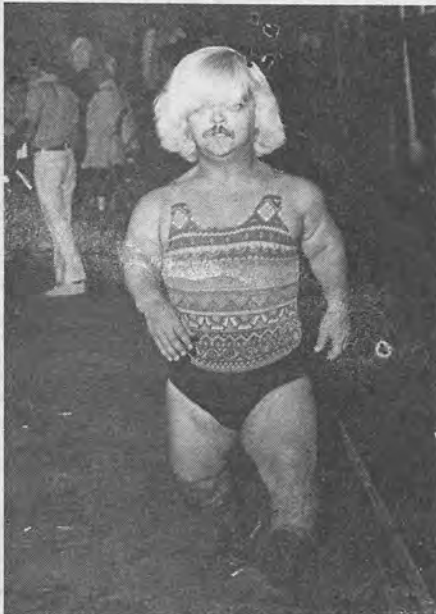
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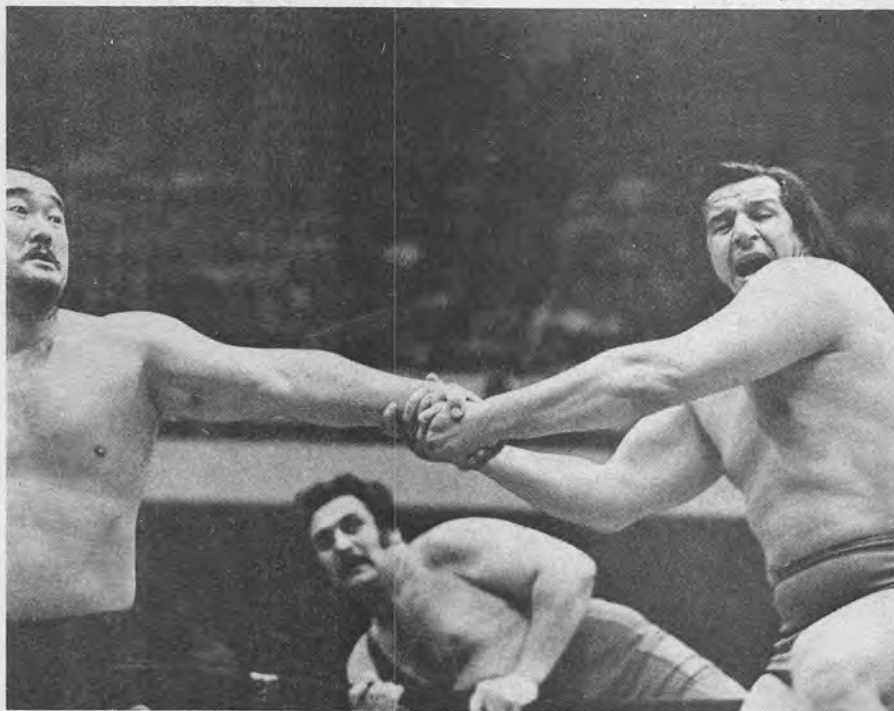
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has finally become his own man, even if it means that he won't wrestle very scientifically.

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Good luck Little Bruiser. May your success match your maturity.

SUSAN LAURI
Butler, N.J.



MAKE HIM SICK

Your articles on Nick Bockwinkle and Ray Stevens make me sick.

They defend their title more often than Verne Gagne defends his. But you people and a lot of fans want to strip their titles.

For once say something nice about the A.W.A. champs instead of something bad.

KEVIN WHITE
Joliet, Ill.

LIKES LITTLE BRUISER

I am probably one of the few people who is glad that Little Bruiser

GIVE CHIEF A CHANCE

Steele, Blassie, Stasiak, Valiant, McCord, Mr. Fugi, Tarzan Tyler, Tanaka, Moon Dog Mayne, just to name a few, have had a title shot for the W.W.W.F. belt. The fact is that all of Lou Albano's men and the Grand Wizard's wrestlers who got title shots have had to wrestle Chief Jay Strongbow first, and they all lost or wrestled to a draw.

The fact is Chief Jay Strongbow, one of, if not the greatest wrestler in the world, has never been given his long, long overdue and justly de-

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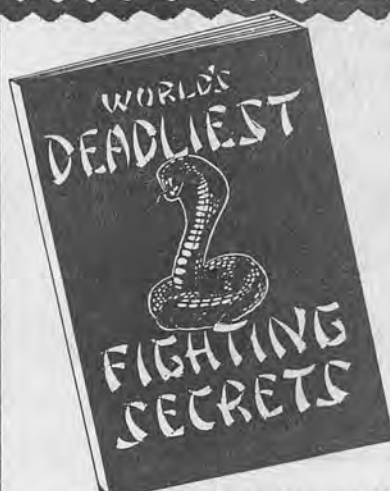
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Left: Winner of Alabama's battle royal, Gentle Ben! Below: Jimmy Golden returned to Alabama to renew his feud with Frank Dalton.



Below: A joyful Pedro Morales after he got revenge on Stan Stasiak in a tag team match.



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ALABAMA HAPPENINGS By Pat Woodruff

JIMMY GOLDEN HAS returned to Montgomery after a successful tour of the southern states. He's ready, once again, to do battle with his arch enemy, Frank Dalton.

"I have an unfinished score to settle

with him," Golden said.

"Golden's a dead man," Dalton threatened. "I'm about to end his career and bury that two-bit punk kid."

Speaking of Dalton, he entered a battle royal which included, get this, Gentle Ben, the wrestling bear. Well, when the dust cleared it was Ben and Dalton, left alone. When Ben made an advance move toward Dalton, Frank leaped over the rope and Ben won the royal! Nick Adams, manager of the bear, collects the prize money.

Dick Dunn is in charge of the Alabama title. He's made it public that he'll turn no one down. That's the way, Dick!

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FAN CLUB CORNER



Jackie Fargo is so popular a great fan club has been started in his honor. Why not join now!

THE WELL ESTABLISHED Ray Stevens Fan Club still has room for new members. The club's president, Joe Pottgieser Jr., runs a fine operation with material always being sent out on time. If you're one of Ray's fans and want full details, drop Joe a line at 3463 Ravendale Ct. San Jose, Calif. 95111. Be sure you include a stamped, self-addressed envelope so you'll get a reply.

If you want to keep up with the career of former W.W.W.F. champion Pedro Morales, then by all means join the fan club, rather the great fan club, Beth Zane runs for Pedro. The club's bulletin is crammed full of informative material about Pedro and other wrestler in the W.W.W.F. area. Beth's address is 11 Quaker Road, Pennsville, N.J. 08070.

The Ken Patera Fan Club has undergone some re-organization, according to vice president Robin Pieper. Robin reports that the club's address is now 727 Float Avenue, Freeport, Ill., 61032. The bulletins will now be bi-monthly and upon joining members will receive two 5x7 photos of Ken. Ken's known as "the strongest man in wrestling," and this club is becoming one of the strongest clubs in fan club circles! Get in on the action!

Alright chaps, there is still time to join the Billy Robinson Fan Club. The club's address is 725 State Street, Union Grove, Wis. 53182. President Diana J. Carter is anxious to hear from Billy's fans all over the world. So let Billy and Diana know you support him by writing her for details and then joining the club.

Besides Billy Robinson, the A.W.A. also sports a fine wrestler by the name of Geoff Portz. And he's got a club goin' great guns for him. It's run by Rosemary Lott. The club's bulletin is a fine one and you're sure going to enjoy it. Drop Rosemary a quick note and let her know you're interested. Her address is 34 Nemy Crescent, Winnipeg, R2Y, OK5, Manitoba, Canada.

Star Route, Riverview Drive, Shepherdsville, Kentucky 40165 is still the address of the ever popular Jerry Jarrett Fan Club. Linda Lee Scott, president of the club, does a fine job on keeping members posted about his activities. Interested? Let Linda know, pronto!

Fargo fanatics can really support Jackie full force by joining his fan club run by Linda Thacker. Upon joining you'll receive an 8x10 photo, a membership card, a button saying "I'm On Jackie's Team," and



Even though Ray Stevens limits his appearances in California, his California-based club keeps goin'!

a monthly bulletin called "The Fargo Fantasy." Write to Linda at 1382 South 6th Street, Louisville, Ky. 40208.

The two and only Fabulous Kangaroos and their manager Sir Clements are very proud of the way that Wanda Hobson has handled their fan club. Wanda, whose address is 810 Holly Drive, Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130, is probably their biggest fan. And if you are a fan too you'll want to join this club. Don't delay, start today —by writing to Wanda now!

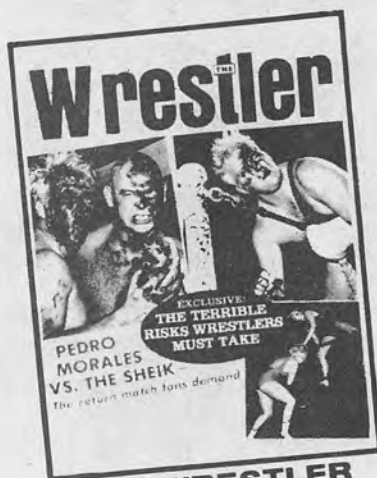
A real top champion is Jack Brisco. A real top fan club is the Jack and Jerry Brisco Figure Four Fan Club. It's run by Wayne Lebo. The club is located at 1825 Daytonia Road, Miami Beach, Florida 33141. The club's bulletin is called "The Oklahoma Cyclones" and it's chocked full of information about Jerry and Jack. We're certain you'll like this club.

Here's a reminder. If you want your club listed, drop a note, with a permission slip signed by the wrestler, to FAN CLUB CORNER, Box 58, Rockville Centre, 11571, New York.

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EDITORIAL

WE DEMAND A TITLE SHOT FOR CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW!

We cannot say the time has come for Chief Jay Strongbow to get a title shot. The time for that came way, way back.

Chief Strongbow has been in the W.W.W.F. areas almost four years now and he hasn't gotten a title shot! Why not? The Chief is now rated number two in the W.W.W.F. ratings and has maintained his high rating over the years.

IN THE LONG history of this magazine, we have never printed an editorial.

This has been our policy because we are more concerned with presenting you with exciting stories and pictures than boring you with our opinions. We have always leaned more towards making our point through investigative reporting and exposes rather than editorializing against what we believe to be the evils in the sport.

However, a situation has arisen which the editorial staff has judged



to be so unfair, that we are breaking tradition and taking an editorial stand for the first time in our history.

And what we are saying is simple.

WE DEMAND A W.W.W.F. TITLE SHOT FOR CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW!

We have never played favorites

before and we are not playing favorites now. We do not prefer Chief Jay Strongbow over any other wrestler, although he is a gracious gentleman and talented athlete. However, the facts speak for themselves.

Chief Jay Strongbow never received a title shot against Pedro Morales although Strongbow defeated each and every opponent Morales wrestled, some even before they were given a chance at Pedro's belt. The Chief even whipped Stan Stasiak, the man who won Pedro's belt.

In the past number of years Chief Jay Strongbow has never been left out of anybody's ratings. His record speaks for itself. He has consistently proven his ability to compete on the highest level with top competition.

Chief Jay Strongbow has never turned down any opponent the W.W.W.F. has asked him to face. He has always conducted himself with dignity and more than enough patience.

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HOW A BLOODY CHAIN MATCH CHANGED "DIRTY" DICK MURDOCH INTO "CLEAN" DICK MURDOCH!

Exclusive Photos By Bill Beach

Dirty Dick Murdoch wrestling clean? Sounds impossible! But this is his goal. He says he's turned over a new leaf and that Cyclone Negro is the cause!



IT WAS SUPPOSED to be a chain match and bloodbath. It never got to be a chain match. But it was a bloodbath!

It seemed the only way to resolve the Dick Murdoch-Cyclone Negro feud. The former best friends and tag team partners have been threatening to tear each other apart since their bloody argument during a tag team match. Their opponents watched in amazement as the two tried to batter each other senseless.

Since their days together, Dick Murdoch has found new friends and a new way to wrestle — scientifically.

"When I first broke into wrestling," Murdoch remembers, "I thought that winning was everything. Without being too particular how I did it, I'd do anything to win. Rules seemed to be for the suckers who became the losers. Winners won and that was all there was to it.

"But I started watching the real greats in this sport and I noticed something — they were great because they know that it is a *sport*. You win against the best because you have pride in your skill and your profession. And pride comes from wrestling scientifically. Any big, strong guy can be a dirty wrestler. But only a great athlete can be a great wrestler."

Negro doesn't like to talk about Murdoch and simply says, "Murdoch is a perfect example of what happens

Above: It's a bloody and weak Dick Murdoch who crawls across the ring as he tries to escape Negro's rampage. Right: Murdoch recovers and challenges Negro to come and get him. Negro takes the dare and lives to regret it. Murdoch more than makes up for the pain he is forced to endure by Negro.

when a weak-minded person gets in with the wrong company. After I beat him senseless in that tag team argument, the fool began hanging around with Dory Funk, Jr., Nick Kozak, bad influences like that. They changed a good wrestler into a harmless pussycat."

The two men have engaged in some of the most brutal matches seen in recent years. Strangely enough, neither man ever seemed to leave the ring sa-



tisfied. There was only one course of action left.

They signed for a chain match. No holds barred. The referee was there only to count to three. He couldn't interfere at all.

The night of the match arrived and both men were excited. It never occurred to either of them that their own blood would cover their faces. They thought only about the blood of their enemy. (Continued on page 56)

Tony Rocco traveled to Japan to learn how to use the sleeper hold. He studied it from a Japanese master. Was it worth it? You can ask Yamamoto . . . when he wakes up!

Exclusive Photos By Theo Ehret

"SO SORRY, YAMAMOTO... SWEET DREAMS"

TONY ROCCO HAS learned that if you can beat 'em, join 'em. Then beat 'em.

What Tony has learned is the dangerously effective sleeper hold, perfected and executed by the Japanese. Once a wrestler is trapped in the hold, it is literally lights out. Tony had his lights go out one too many times and determined to do something about it.

"The secret of the sleeper," Tony believes, "is to learn it from a Japanese master. It seemed that the only thing to do in that situation was to go to Japan."

Tony spent over a month in Japan learning the sleeper hold from Otsamu Kobe, who is responsible for teaching the sleeper to many of the Japanese wrestlers who are famous in America. Tony was the first American to seek his help and the aged wrestling master was very flattered.

"Kobe had heard of and followed on film many of the American wrestlers and was delighted to talk with a wrestler from the States," Tony remembers. "He knew almost everyone wrestling all over the world, even preliminary

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Concentrating deeply, Tony Rocco (above) clamps the sleeper hold on Yamamoto. Yamamoto's trying to get loose but Tony won't let him have his way. The Japanese judo expert is falling asleep.



Yamamoto can't believe what's happening (left) as he starts to feel the sleeper hold's effects. "No!" he cries out as the referee asks him if he wants to quit. Tony went to Japan and had a master of the sleeper hold show him how to apply it perfectly. Yamamoto's also a sleeper expert.



Photos by Terrance R. Machalek

WHEN BETTY NICCOLI'S STRATEGY BACKFIRED



Above: Betty flies onto the shoulders of Jean, preparing to go into her knee smash. Right: The maneuver fails as Jean does what she had been practicing, lifting and sliding as Betty hits the ropes.

IT'S SUCCESS MIXED with relief for Jean Antone. It's back to the drawing board for Betty Niccoli.

When the two girls had wrestled in the past, Betty would trap Jean against the ropes. Then she would leap on Jean's back, sending her knees crashing into it. That either ended the match or rendered Jean incapable of moving. A second leap would reduce Jean to writhing agony.

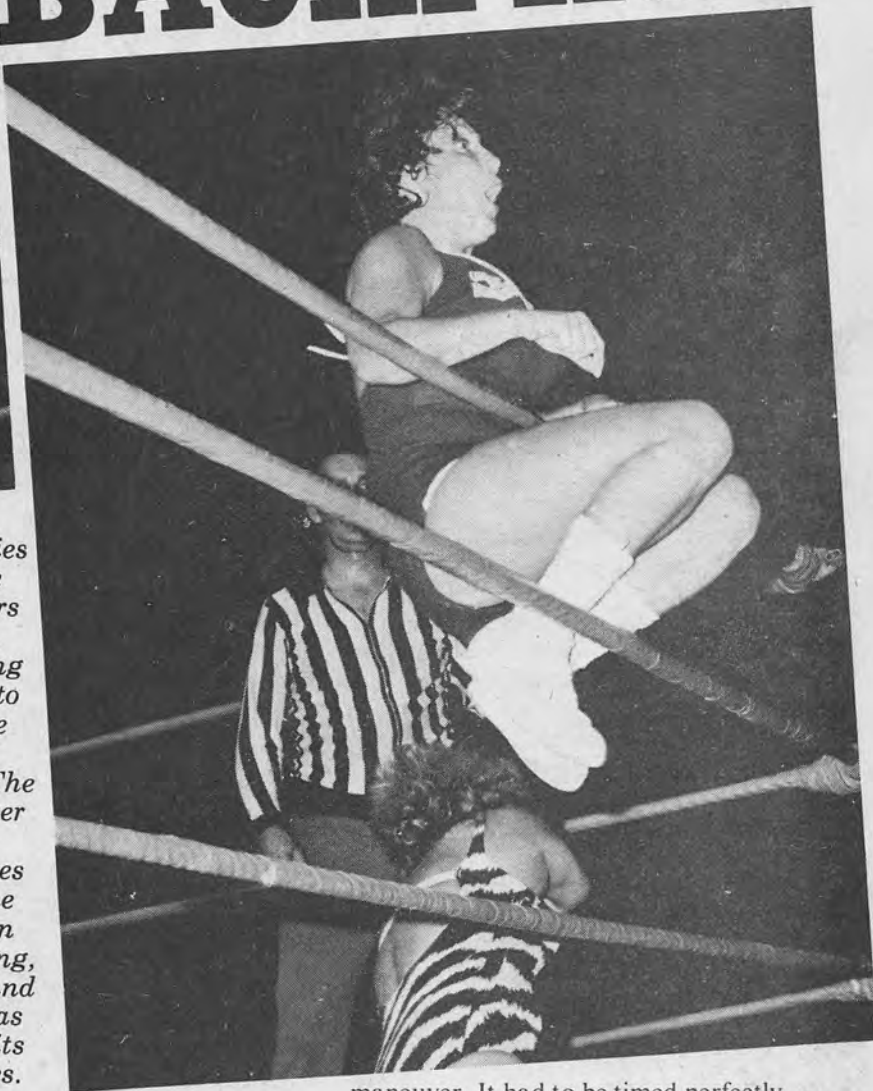
Jean was victimized by this maneuver many too many times. She could never be sure how Betty would get her against the ropes and ready for the kill.

"It got to the point," Jean admits, "that I'd be so worried about being thrown against the ropes it would hurt my overall performance. When I wrestle I like to attack. But when I wrestled Betty I was put on the defensive. Something had to be done!"

Jean did do something. Weeks before a scheduled match with Betty, she practiced a very difficult counter

maneuver. It had to be timed perfectly and the chances of success were admittedly small. Still, it was the only

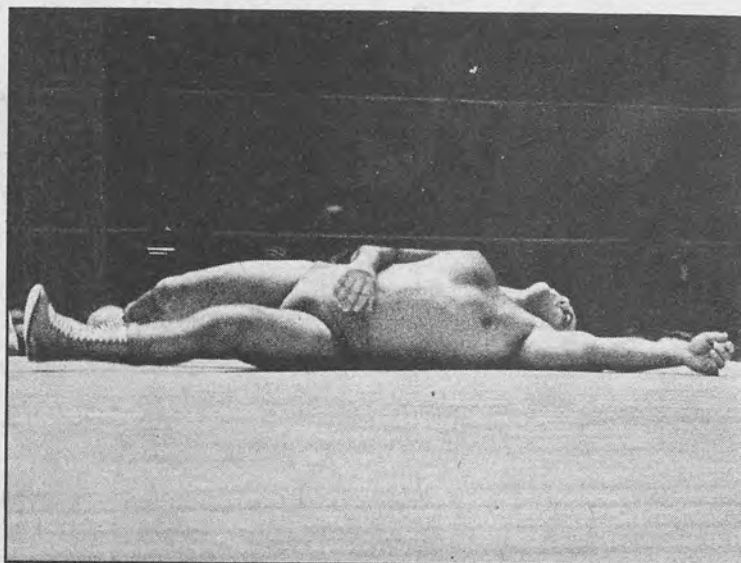
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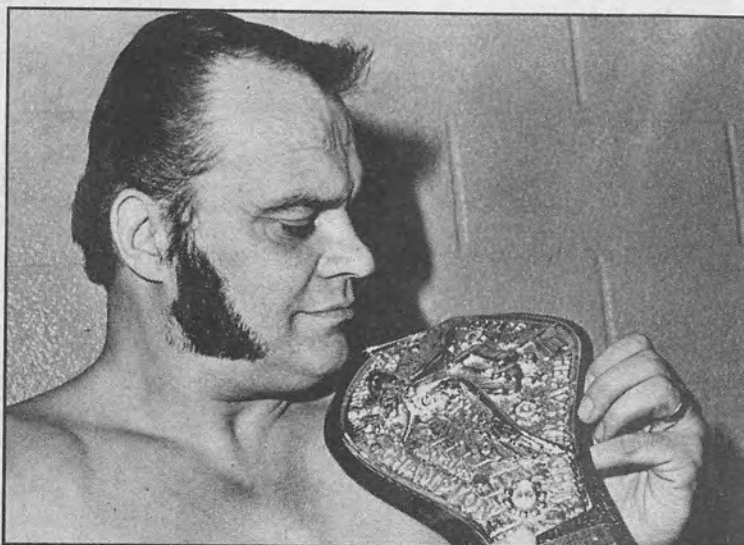
No matter what happened, Betty Niccoli knew there was one hold she could rely on in an emergency. Then, one day, Jean Antone found an antidote for that hold.

**THE W.W.W.F.
TITLE-**

**FROM
PEDRO**



**TO
STASIAK**



**TO
BRUNO!**



Before wrestling fans got a chance to digest Stan Stasiak's stunning upset victory over Pedro Morales, Bruno Sammartino came along to make Stasiak's reign as W.W.W.F. heavyweight king the shortest in history!

STASIAK'S FIRST DEFENSE BECOMES HIS LAST ONE

LIKE A TREMENDOUS earthquake, the World Wide Wrestling Federation exploded with an unbelievable series of shocking events.

The tremors began when Stan Stasiak stunned the entire world by thrashing Pedro Morales for the W.W.W.F. title on December 1st, 1973 at the Philadelphia Arena.

On December 10th, just nine days later, Stasiak was abruptly cut down in New York's Madison Square Garden by none other than former W.W.W.F. champion Bruno Sammartino.

Stasiak became the shortest lived champion in W.W.W.F. history and you can bet your bottom dollar he won't be too happy having that title with him for the rest of his life.

Let's go back and find out how all these events unfolded.

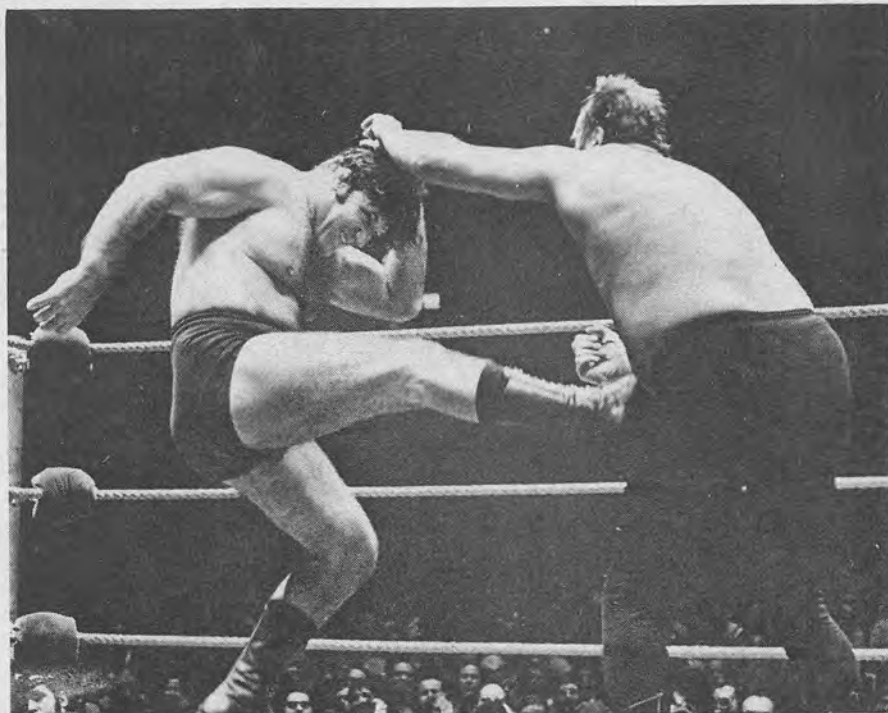
As far as Pedro Morales was concerned, he had nothing to worry about on December 1st. He was wrestling Stan Stasiak, a man he'd wrestled and defeated on several other occasions. He was certain he could handle Stasiak. But while Stasiak was losing his matches to Morales, he was also *gaining* something.

"With each match," Stasiak explained, "I learn more about Morales."

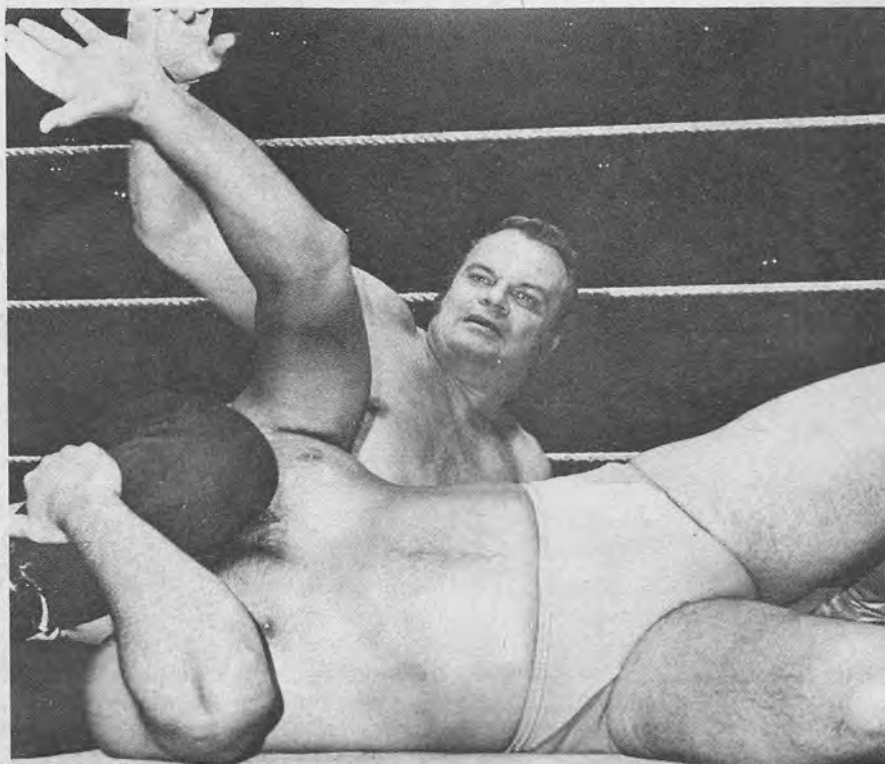
The day of the match Stasiak claimed, "I am at the peak of condition mentally and physically. I've studied films of Morales' matches and I've finally found his weakness. It was so simple I had overlooked it altogether."

Pedro brushed it off as, "The usual bull from Stasiak and his manager The Grand Wizard."

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Stan Stasiak's first title defense turns into a disaster as he's whipped by Bruno Sammartino (above). Bruno regained the W.W.W.F. title he lost to Ivan Koloff in January, 1971. Stasiak looked impressive (below) when he won the title from Pedro Morales.



WHY WILD BULL CURRY SOLD HIS SOUL TO THE DEVIL!

Exclusive Photos
By Tony Lanza

Bull claims, "who should come to me in a vision but Satan. He didn't have a red suit or nothing. He looked more like the supervisor of a motor vehicle bureau.

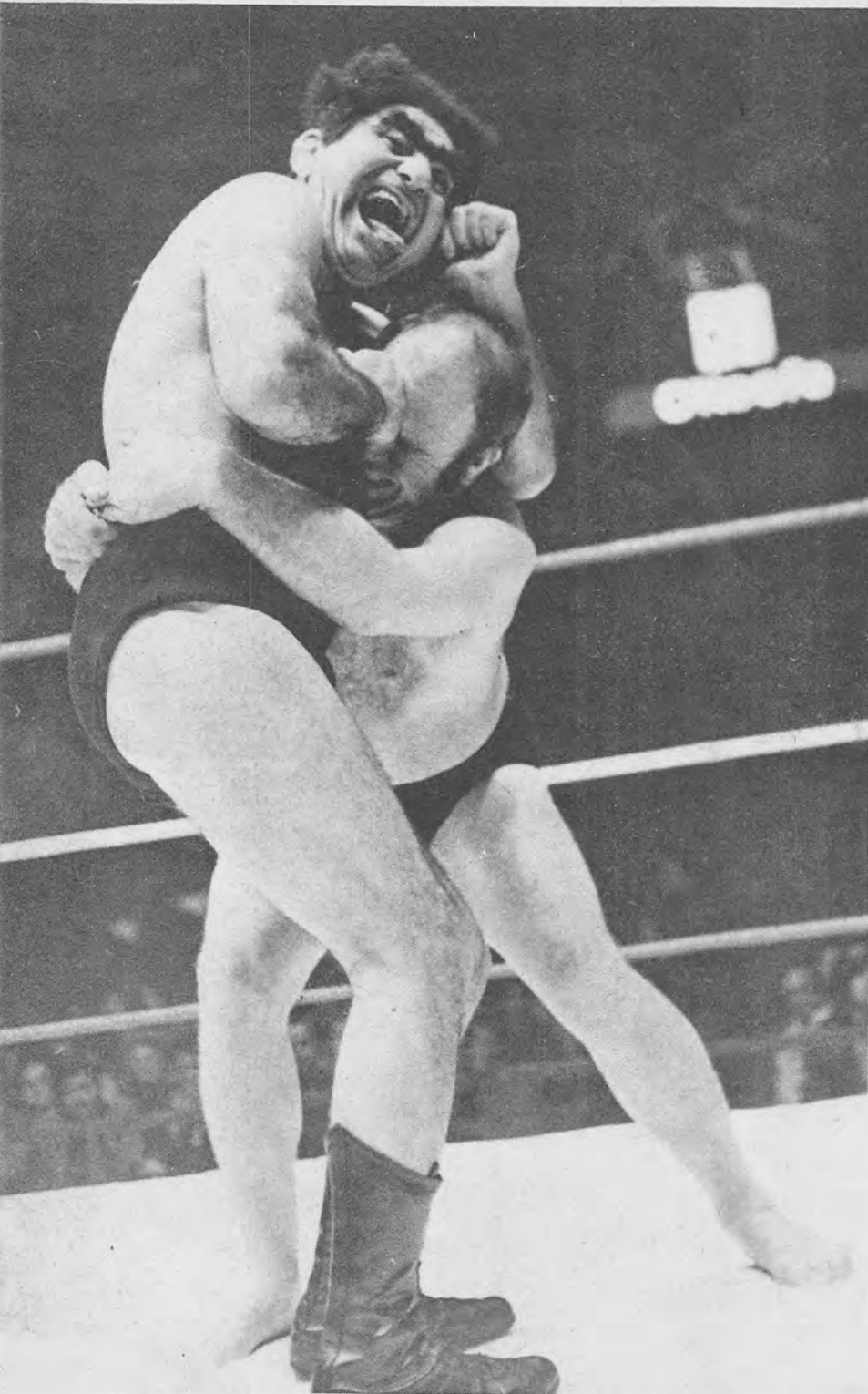
"'Bull,' he says, 'I'm the only person who can get you to wrestle again. It's in my power. But if you do wrestle again, the victories won't be for Wild Bull Curry alone. The victories will be for Satan!'"

"So I told him that's okay with me. If I can't wrestle, I might as well be dead. Lucky for me good old Lucifer happened to come along."

Two months after the operation, Bull began to train. The doctors were horrified.

Dr. Brian Murch, who was responsible for Bull's post-operative recovery, recalls, "I couldn't believe it when they told me he was training. I rushed right over. That man was still as weak as a kitten, or he should have been. When I saw

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WILD BULL CURRY is back — and says, "I'm a servant of Satan!"

Bull is back from extensive surgery to his stomach, an operation which many people don't survive. Bull was told before he

went under the scalpel that he could never wrestle again.

"I thought that was it," Bull remembers with a smile, "and so did everyone else. Everyone but one — the Devil.

"While I was under anesthetic,"



The maniacal Bull goes berserk and almost pulls the hair out of Fred Sweetan's head (above). Like a mad dog, Curry's mouth begins to foam (below) as the referee tries to stop him from attacking a photographer. Curry growls at the top of his lungs (right) as they take Sweetan out on a stretcher. Bull, since being operated on, seems wilder than ever!



No, we don't believe Bull Curry sold his soul to the Devil either. But if he didn't, how do you explain his incredible new-found strength?

Blood pours out of Billy Red Cloud's forehead as Ivan Koloff bites chunks of flesh. Ivan was disqualified and can't he understand why!

Ivan Koloff Charges:

"MY OPPONENTS ARE

Photos By Gary Kamensack

IVAN KOLOFF WILL be in the Detroit area for awhile and he's mad as hell about it!

Ivan travelled to W.W.A. territory for a change of scenery and victims. Accompanying him was his disregard for rules and love of pounding opponents into senselessness. It was a trip designed to draw fresh blood.

Some places just aren't ready for Ivan Koloff's personal brand of mat mayhem. And Ivan tells them just what he thinks of them in no uncertain terms

But Koloff got into trouble in his first match and he's been steaming ever since!

"I was wrestling some stiff named . . . what was his name? There are so many stiffs in the W.W.A.," Koloff declared recently. "Oh yeah, it was Billy Red Cloud. Anyway, we were in the middle of this match which I was winning

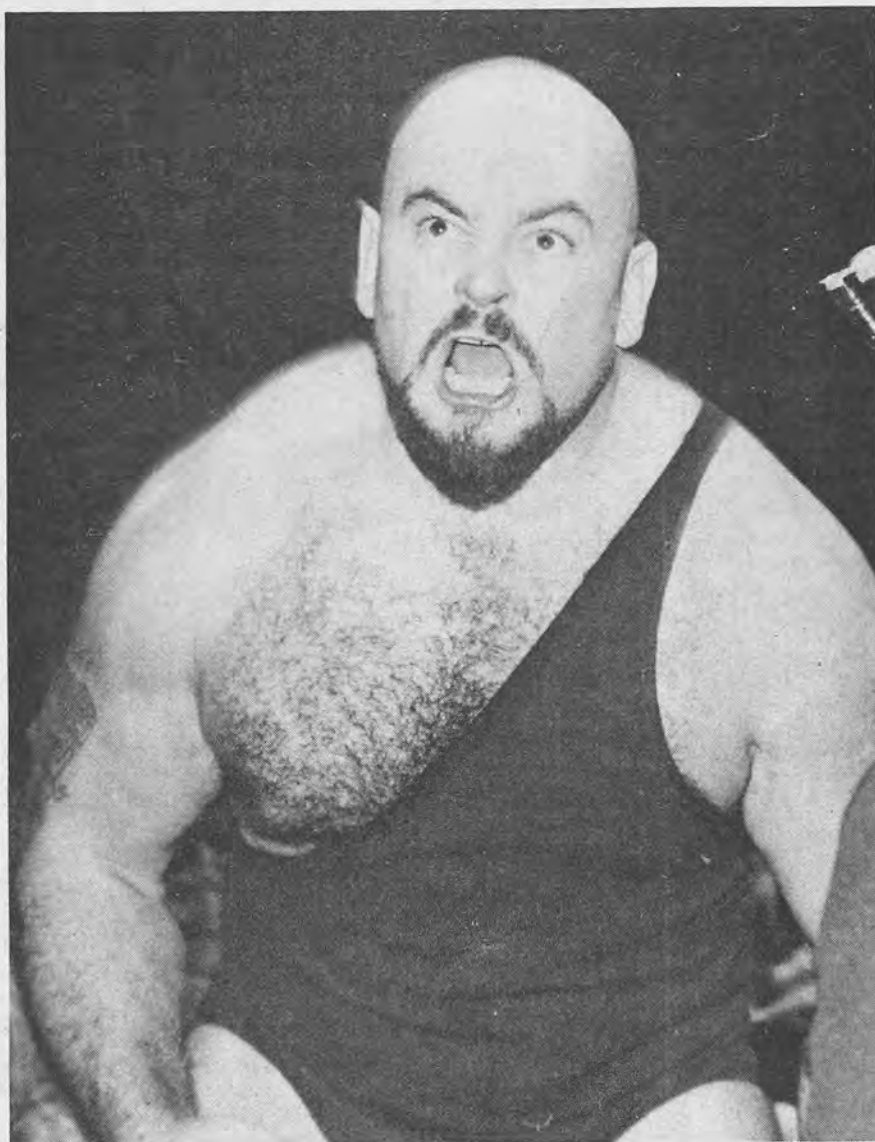
easily and they disqualify me for no reason. No reason at all!"

Of course, there was a very good reason. During the match, Koloff grabbed Red Cloud's head and began to tear flesh off the Indian's forehead with his teeth. Blood gushed from the wound and the referee disqualified Koloff for his inhuman tactics.

When asked about the cut that required 15 stitches to close, Koloff retorted, "What's wrong with a little action? I walk into the ring to win. I



"What is the matter with you?" Koloff angrily explodes after the referee disqualified him. "Are all the wrestlers in this area sissies?" Koloff's brutal tactics are not well liked in the W.W.A.



GUTLESS COWARDS!"

don't expect mercy and don't give it. We're professionals, or supposed to be. I don't know what you'd call the clowns in the W.W.A. How does the word 'coward' strike you? It pretty well sums up what I feel about most of them!

"Instead of crying, they should be

honored that I'd bother getting into a ring with them. I just hope I'm not out of condition when I have to leave and meet some real wrestlers.

"I can't believe that these people are so afraid of a little blood! Why did they become wrestlers in the first place if they're so afraid of get-

ting hurt? Why don't they leave wrestling and take up knitting?"

As disgusted with the W.W.A. as Koloff is, he's not half as disgusted as many in the W.W.A. are with Ivan. One of those most angry is Koloff's first opponent, Billy Red Cloud.

"He's an animal!" Red Cloud says angrily. "I couldn't believe it! We were in the middle of a rough match and he was hurting. Then all of a sudden he starts biting me. Blood streamed into my eyes, blinding me. But if he thinks there aren't people as cruel and ugly as he is in the W.W.A., he's as stupid as he is crazy. Baron Von Raschke makes Koloff look like a pussycat. I'd rather wrestle Koloff with my right hand tied behind my back than wrestle Von Raschke with both hands!"

Most W.W.A. officials won't comment on Koloff because they're too angry. One official, who wishes to remain nameless, turns red at the very mention of Koloff's name.

"If I had my way," the official declares, "I'd burn Koloff's contract — while I was shoving it down his throat! Not only is he an animal in the ring (I wish he could get someone to read the rulebook to him) but he runs down the W.W.A. every chance he can get. What's really aggravating is that he's been having so much trouble with our wrestlers. His matches are very close. He's a fine wrestler but so are all the others in the W.A.A."

"As for the accusation that our wrestlers lack guts, I don't know of a single man who would flinch from meeting Koloff in a chain match!"

Koloff can't wait to meet someone in a chain match. At least that's what he says.

"I'm waiting for an offer for anyone, anywhere!" he screams at anyone who listens. "I haven't seen any blood since Red Cloud and they've been scared ever since. Let 'em come and ask. I'm ready."

To help him get ready, Koloff has hired Bobby Heenan as his manager.

"I can make the W.W.A. understand Ivan's methods. Koloff is great but misunderstood. In time, I can make the W.W.A. adore Ivan."

Heenan still has to convince Koloff — and the W.W.A. He may not be successful, but he'll sure be busy. □

THE UNMASKING NOBODY SAW!



Left above: Mr. Wrestling is attacked by the riding crop of Killer Krupp. Krupp is on the attack before bell sounds. The referee stops the crop attack and then Mr. Wrestling goes to work. The result is a bloody Krupp who begs the referee to stop the slaughter. Krupp runs to the dressing room and is chased by Mr. Wrestling.

KILLER KARL KRUPP finally unmasked Texas' Mr. Wrestling.

Krupp paid with his blood for the pleasure of revealing Mr. Wrestling's face to the crowd. However, nobody could see it.

Killer was losing so much blood by this time he fled to his dressing room after the unveiling. It wasn't until later he was told how Mr. Wrestling managed to hide his face from the crowd.

When Krupp first signed for the match, he vowed, "I'm going to take Wrestling's mask and shove it down his throat! These masked clowns make me sick. Of course, we may run the risk of fans losing lunch when they see Wrestling's face. I suppose if I was as ugly as Wrestling, I'd wear a mask, also.

"But I don't care. I've had enough of masked wrestlers and more than enough of Mr. Wrestling. He is go-

If Killer Karl Krupp lost he'd have to return to Germany. If Texas' Mr. Wrestling lost he'd have to unmask. Mr. Wrestling unmasked, but nobody got to see his face.

Right: His unmasked face in a towel, Mr. Wrestling issues a challenge to Killer Krupp. "I challenge Krupp to a Texas death match. If I lose, I'll reveal my face. If I win, it means Krupp returns to Germany. I defy him to accept the dare."

ing to be my example to the rest of the masked cowards. I want to see the look of agony on my opponent's face. And I don't mind tearing his head off if the mask won't come off!"

Mr. Wrestling was just as anxious to meet Krupp, perhaps even more anxious.

"I have had it with all these two-bit rats who have to hate someone. All of a sudden, he wakes up one day and discovers he hates masked wrestlers. It's a cheap and ugly tactic, which makes it perfect for Krupp.

"But this has got to stop. Everyone gets hurt when one type of wrestler is lumped together. Even though we may all wear masks, we have individual styles and philosophies. To say that you hate all masked wrestlers is meaningless but destructive.

"The only way to stop this stupidity is to make sure that Krupp remembers *me*, Mr. Wrestling. I will so torture him in my own individual style that he will never lump all masked wrestlers together again!"

So two very angry men walked into the ring. Both were determined to prove a point — at each other's expense.

Before the introductions, Krupp began his one-man crusade against masked wrestlers. Carrying his riding crop, Killer attacked Mr. Wrestling.

His crop slashed through the air and smacked against Mr. Wrestling's skull. He slashed the crop three times on the side of his opponent's head before the referee managed to disarm him.

They never did get through the introductions because Mr. Wrestling was on the offensive. The stinging at the side of his head making him seeth with anger, he went after Krupp. With a vengeance.

A sharp right smash to Krupp's chin turned the German around. He staggered and his eyes became glassy. Mr. Wrestling, whose eyes

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THE NIGHT JOHNNY POWERS GOT EVEN WITH THE SHEIK . . . BY

Exclusive
Photos By
Sandy
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"DAMN!" JOHNNY POWERS exclaimed as he smashed his fist into his locker, denting it considerably, after a match against The Sheik.

"It's impossible to beat that animal," Powers, obviously still at the boiling point, cried disgustedly. "You can plan out all the strategy you want, but as long as he's got a foreign object you can't beat him. He'll tear you to shreds!"

Powers went home and tried to sleep. But he couldn't. He tossed and turned most of the night. About four o'clock in the morning, tired of restlessly lying in bed, Johnny got up and took a walk in his garden. All he could think about was a way to get back at The Sheik for all the pain the foreign objects have caused him.

"Ouch!" Johnny exclaimed suddenly. Then he grabbed his foot, obviously in pain. What happened? A garden snake took a nip out of Johnny's big toe, biting right through his slipper!

"Wait!" Johnny thought. "This is a blessing in disguise! A snake. That's it!" "I'll get a snake to combat The Sheik's foreign objects. That'll even the odds up and teach him a damn good lesson."

Johnny ran back to his house and thumbed through the telephone book. Finally he found what he was looking for—a pet shop that sold live snakes! Johnny waited a few hours and then called them.

"Come on down and look for yourself," the owner of the shop said.

With that, Johnny hopped into his car and headed for the store. Throughout the entire drive all he could think of was a snake wrapping itself around The Sheik's neck, choking the life out of him.

After a few minutes of browsing, Johnny settled on a seven-foot boa constrictor—a killer. Now he was ready to combat The Sheik, no matter what The Sheik had planned.

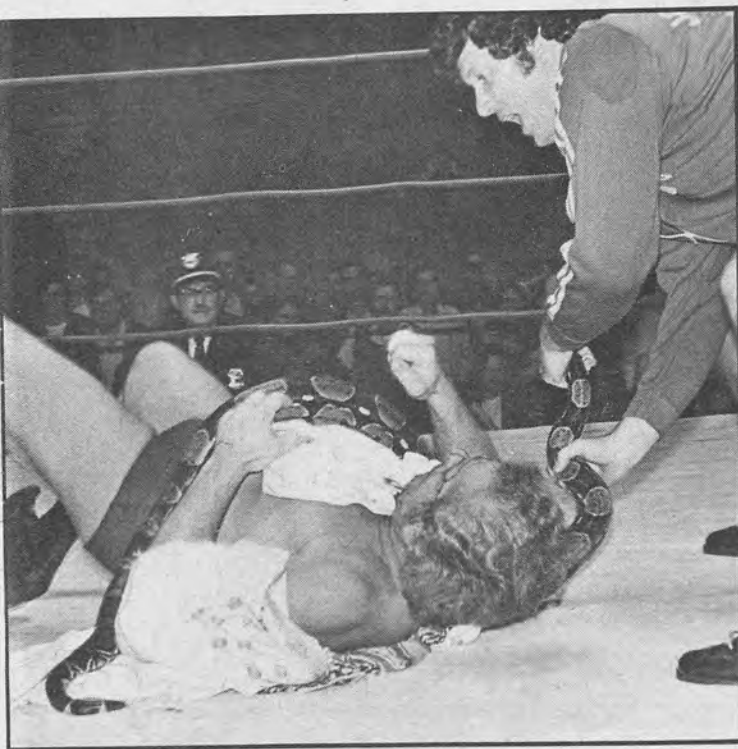
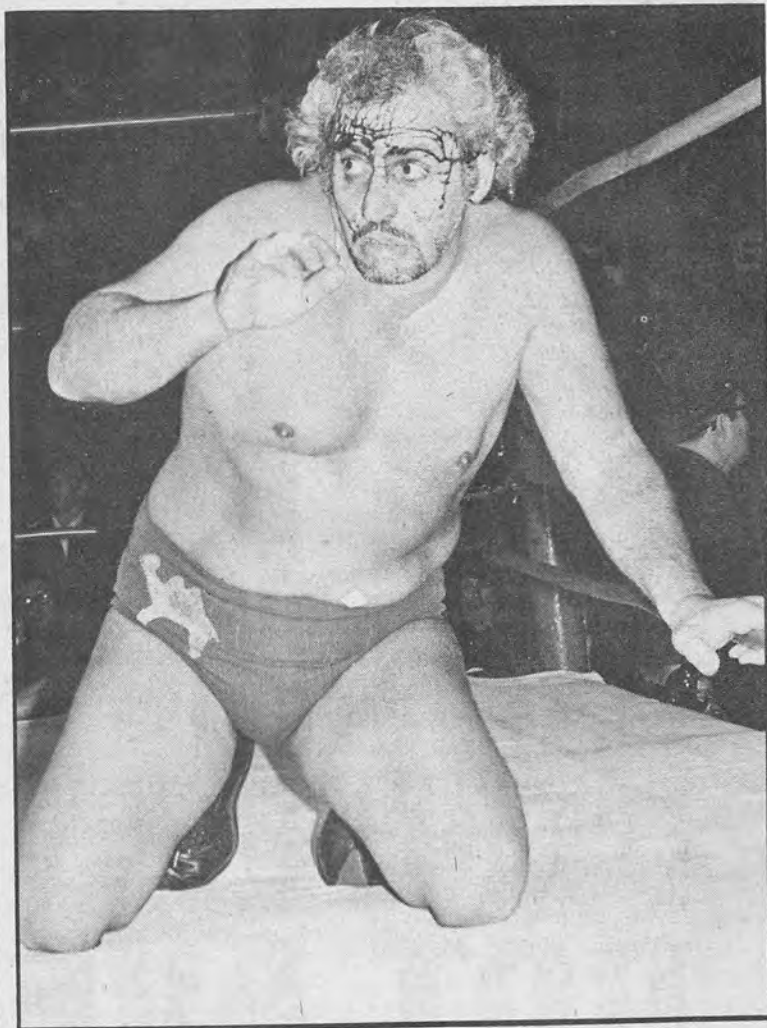
Powers called the promoters and demanded a return match. He got it. Then he called the wrestling commission.

"Listen," Powers told them. "That Sheik is always breaking rules by using foreign objects and throwing fire. I want permission to bring a foreign object with me just in case he attacks me with one." *Continued*

Johnny Powers was more than happy to allow The Sheik to bring a foreign object into the ring with him. He knew nothing the cagey Arab could come up with would match what he had in store!



Left: The Sheik has never been afraid of any tactic every used, but he cowers in fright as Johnny Powers brings a killer boa constrictor into the ring. Powers uses his knowledge of snakes to turn the animal into an enraged killer. Will other wrestlers use The Sheik's fear of snakes against him? Nobody has yet, but only time will tell if this cowering position will become permanent as The Shiek is constantly "snaked."



Above: The Sheik shivers in fright as he tries to flee from the snake who has bitten chunks of flesh from The Sheik's skull. Left: Johnny Powers uses his knowledge and cunning to make the snake attack The Sheik. Powers hopes the snake has killed Shiek but The Sheik has enough strength to get his pencil and get some amount of cruel revenge.

USING A SNAKE!

Johnny Powers guides the snake on its deadly path (left). The snake paralyzes the arm in which The Sheik has the pencil. As The Sheik slumps to the mat in agony, Johnny lets the snake slither around The Sheik's neck to choke him brutally. When The Sheik stopped struggling, Powers left him for dead.



It was a weird request, a wrestler asking permission to bring a foreign object into the ring with him.

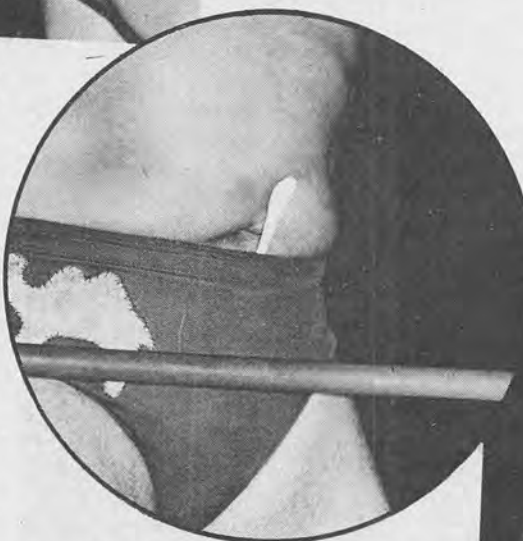
"Okay," the commission agreed. "On one condition. The Sheik must be permitted to bring in a foreign object—legally."

"You got it," Powers agreed. He figured The Sheik would use a foreign object whether it was legal or not, so what was the difference.

Powers learned how to handle snakes many years ago. He knew he'd have no trouble controlling the vicious temper of the reptile. He knew exactly how to make the snake bite chunks of flesh at the command of his hand. All he had to do was touch a certain nerve and the snake would try to kill what was in front of him, in this case, The Sheik.

The Sheik was eager. He got pleasure in ripping Powers to pieces in the past and was anxious again as he came into the ring almost five minutes before the match, viciously stalking an imaginary Powers before Johnny was in the ring.

"Holy cow!" a fan exclaimed, slapping his own face as he saw Powers come out of the dressing room with the snake around his



shoulders. As he became visible to the entire audience, everyone gasped in amazement—including The Sheik, who had his famous pencil in his hand ready to do battle.

Powers tried to get into the ring but The Sheik kicked him off the apron. Then Johnny took the snake off his shoulders. He pointed it at The Sheik. The wild arab ran to the other side of the ring and Johnny made his way in.

Powers immediately went after The Sheik even though the match

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Left: The Sheik doesn't bother hiding his pencil as he enters the ring. Below: He also doesn't bother to hide the pencil as he slashes the weapon into Johnny's forehead.



Chuck Richards is willing to put up with just so much. But a pie in his face...well...that's where he draws the line



During Joe Leduc's wild match against Chuck Richards, (below) Joe's brother Paul ran in and smacked Richards with a pie (above).

"HERE'S PIE IN YOUR EYE!"

PAUL LEDUC MAY have started a new fashion in the use of foreign objects. In a recent match he assaulted Chuck Richards with the fearsome and deadly . . . pie?

History will remember that the introduction of the pie took place in a match between Richards and Joe Leduc. Joe is the brother of Paul, the perpetrator of the deed.

Paul and his friend Edouard Carpentier were watching Richards

being hurled around the ring by Joe. The two were enjoying the match when Carpentier took out the pie the two had brought to devour during the evening.

Leduc looked at the pie and said, "Are you really hungry, Ed?"

Carpentier, anticipating what was to come, replied, "Not really. Are you?"

"Not really," Leduc admitted, then continued, "so there's no real need to eat it."

"None whatsoever," Carpentier agreed.

"Have you ever wondered," Paul asked innocently, "what Chuck's face would look like with a pie covering it?"

"That question has been plaguing me all my life," Carpentier declared.

A flip of the coin later and Paul Leduc, armed with a banana cream pie, climbed into the ring.

Chuck Richards screamed, "Leduc, what the hell are . . ." The question was interrupted due to the difficulty of speaking with a face full of pie.

When Richards cleared his mouth, he screamed. "Tonight I've been pounded, beaten, hurled, slammed, and punched! But a pie in the face is too damn much! I'm leaving!"

And he did.

But is this the beginning of a pie-throwing epidemic? Only time and Betty Crocker will tell. □



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If there is one man Tolos despises as much as he hates Fred Blassie, it's Victor Rivera. Tolos (right) vows to kill Rivera. "He lied in that 'Hotseat' interview," Tolos claims. "He made me look like a real rule-breaker. I'm not. I am a very scientific wrestler," he added.

HES KNOWN AS "The Golden Greek," and as "The Maniac." Together with his brother Chris, he went on to win every tag team title there was in the late '50's and early '60's. After they split up, he began a career that has been nothing but successful. He's won the Americas championship several times and hopes to win it back in the near future. His trademark is a trail of broken bodies wherever he wrestles. He is one of the most dangerous men in wrestling. He is John Tolos.

**"I DON'T REGRET
ANYTHING
I EVER DID"
—JOHN TOLOS**



*Tolos has lost more blood
at Fred Blassie's hands
than at anyone
else's.*



Q: John, why did you and your brother Chris originally split up?

A: Well, actually we didn't split. You see, our tag team was so devastating and so great that after awhile the promoters couldn't line up any opponents for us. We went through all the so-called top competition like they were nothing. So one day we looked at each other and said 'Let's see if we can make it on our own.' My brother made it real good, and, as you know, so did I.

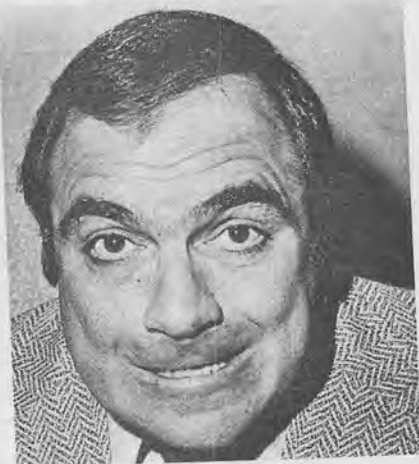
Q: A few years ago you blinded Fred Blassie. Then you made up with him and said you regretted blinding him. The two of you became friends. Now you're not on good terms again. Do you still regret what you did to him?

A: I don't regret ANYTHING I did to him. He's done many things to me. I don't want to cry about them, but what I did to Blassie I'd do again. I'm really tired of Blassie. All I hear in California is Blassie this, Blassie that. Well let me tell you something. California is only big enough for one of us. Blassie, I'm gonna beat the daylights out of you until you realize that this is my town and you must leave.

Q: Why, in your opinion, is Blassie loved in California and hated in the eastern states?

A: The guy's got a split personality. He's the kind of guy who'll pat you on the back and then the next moment he sticks a knife in you. If you're gonna be a man, be a man. To me he's half man, half

**"I SHAVED VICTOR RIVERA'S GUTS!"
—JOHN TOLOS**



woman. When we became buddy buddies for awhile, I couldn't understand him. We'd get into the ring together and we had a pretty fair team. Then, all of a sudden, something didn't jell. I'm not blamin' him and I'm not blamin' me.

Q: Now wait a minute. We've got to stop you here. The exact same thing happened between you and Victor Rivera. You say if you're going to be a man, be a man. Yet you turned your back on Rivera just when he was confident he was your friend.

A: Well, the reason that happened in that match where I got my head shaved is that I had Rivera beat. Then out of the clear blue sky he gave me a low blow. Now if you call that sportsmanship, you're nuts. That's when I went wild. He'll never forget that. I may have had my head shaved but I shaved his guts! There's no question about it.

Q: The fans took a liking to you when you befriended Rivera and Blassie. Now they hate you again. What's your reaction to this?

A: I like it that way!

Q: You do?

A: That's right. I don't give a damn if you hate me or love me or what. Just take a look. They still come to see me. There is no man like me, the Golden Greek, "Maniac" John Tolos.

Q: Do you mind that they hung the name "maniac" on you?

A: They hung on me maniac, jerk, bum—I don't care. Let 'em call me everything. But remember,



After losing a "loser loses his hair" match to friend Victor Rivera (below) Tolos makes like he's still Vic's friend. Then he viciously attacked Victor! Rivera looks on as Tolos' head is shaved (below, right).



deep down inside, the wrestling fans know I am not only a great wrestler but a great athlete. When I'm in that ring I give one million per cent of my ability.

Q: Why haven't the various world champions given you a title shot?

A: I don't know. Look, I have an open contract. If anyone wants to wrestle me, come on, I'm ready. In fact, I tried to get at Morales in the east a long time ago but he refused. I tried to go to Minnesota to get a shot at Gagne and he refused. I tried for Funk Jr. like crazy and couldn't land a title

In a cage match against Freddie Blassie (left) Tolos tries to win by climbing over the top of the cage. But Blassie dragged him down and punished John by ramming his head into the wire and making him a bloody mess. With a maniacal look on his face (below) Tolos chokes away to his heart's content at The Masked Medic. "If you can't take my kind of treatment," Tolos says, "get out of the business!"



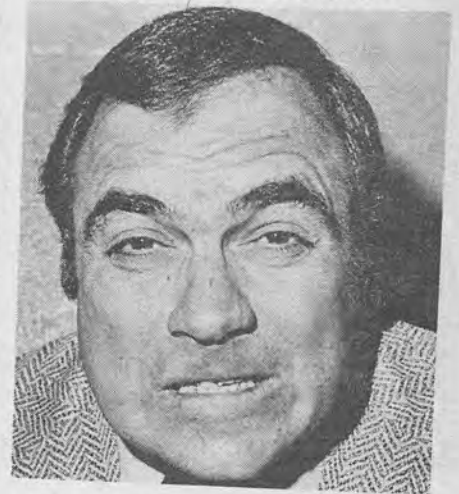
shot. I agreed to wrestle him in Amarillo, Texas, his hometown, and he refused. Now I'm after Brisco and he's starting to refuse. There's only one explanation. They're afraid of six foot two, 240 pounds of dynamite. They know if



A recent portrait of John and his brother Chris (above), the original "wrecking crew." John as he looked after a surprise attack by Mr. Saito and Kenji Shibuya (right).



**"CALL ME MANIAC.
CALL ME WHATEVER
YOU WANT!"
— JOHN TOLOS**



Tolos is about to bash a chair on Victor's unconscious body (above) after Tolos was forced to have his head shaven. "I attacked Rivera because he fouled me," Tolos fumed. "He really turned out to be a big coward. He may have shaved my head but I shaved his guts," he added.

I ever step into the ring against them, I'd beat 'em with ease.

Q: Now that Morales lost the title, you've been wrestling in the east. Do you feel now, that Pedro doesn't hold the belt, you'll have a chance to wrestle Bruno Sam-

martino for the W.W.W.F. title?

A: I certainly hope so. Morales was chicken. Look. I wanted to come east a long time ago. I'm not a preliminary man. I've been on television back east for three years now. They show the California wrestling shows on TV in New York as you know. I didn't have any chance of getting close to Morales. I can't understand it. I wanna know why! Well I'll tell you why. They are all afraid of me. Even the promoters are afraid.

Q: Afraid you'll hurt their top talent?

A: Afraid I'll get their top guys and get 'em good.

Q: How come you use foreign objects to rip chunks of flesh from your opponents' heads and make them bleed?

A: Listen. I call myself a very scientific wrestler.

Q: You follow the rules?

A: Certainly. Who do you think you're talking to?

Q: Sorry.

A: You'd better be! Let me continue. I follow the rules but I also believe in an eye for an eye. If you're in that ring with me and you can't take care of yourself, you don't belong in there. You'd better get the hell out!

Q: Recently you lost the Americas title to Pak Song and...

A: Wait a minute! That's a false statement, a lie! I did NOT lose the title. That jap used illegal karate and judo tactics. If you look at the N.W.A. rules you will see that they're illegal. The title is still mine as far as me and the people of California are concerned. I am their champion. They are proud of me. Children look up to me. Men admire me. Women fall at my feet. I'm everything a champion should be.

Q: Anything else you'd like to say?

A: Yes. Remember. When you see the Golden Greek, John Tolos, you're watching the most magnificent wrestler in the world. And let me reiterate. I will win the world title as soon as one of the champions decides to stop running and give me a title shot. I deserve it! I want it! I am the uncrowned champion of the world! □

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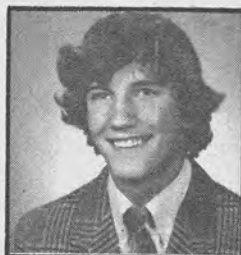
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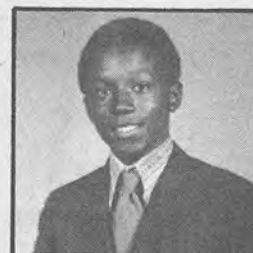
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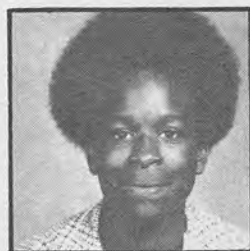
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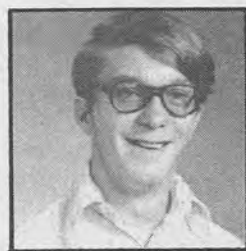
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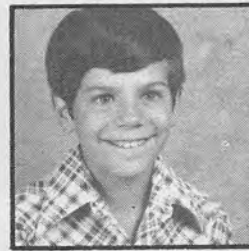
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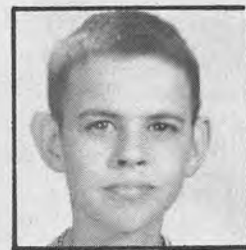
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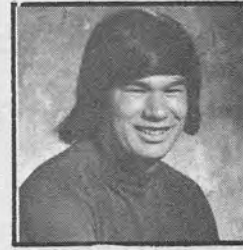
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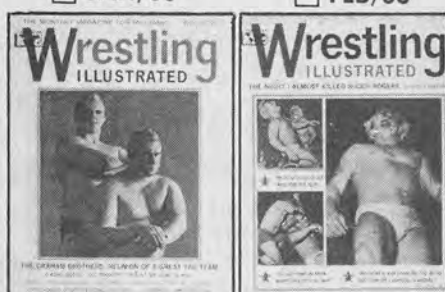
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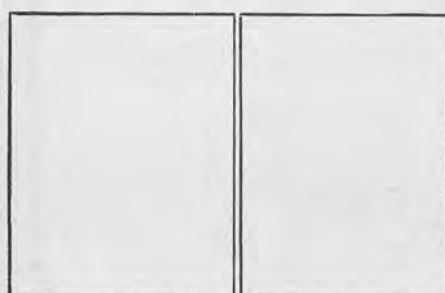
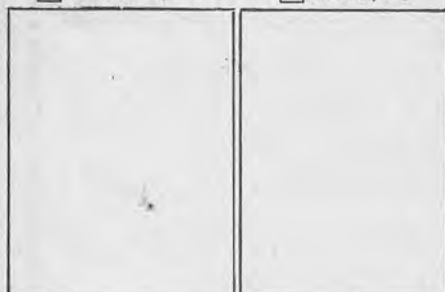
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After Tony had Yamamoto locked in a headlock, the Japanese ace trips Tony out (right) and tries to pin him. Tony releases the hold, Yamamoto gets up (below) and is double kicked by Rocco. Tony did not want to win the match any way except with the sleeper. "I had to prove to that Yamamoto and to myself that I had perfected the hold as well as the Japanese men have perfected it." "He applied it very well for an American," Yamamoto said after the match.



guys. And he knew their weaknesses, strengths, and how they could be improved. What he knew about me could fill a book!"

To properly learn the sleeper hold can take up to two years. With round-the-clock training, Rocco was able to learn the rudiments in his short time. Kobe devoted all his time to teaching Tony.

"Remember," Kobe said before Tony left, "you have just begun to learn something that takes years to perfect. Keep practicing and never feel that it is something to be executed lightly. The sleeper is used only when necessary. Knowledge of the sleeper carries its own responsibility."

Tony nodded and left the retreat in Sapporo to return to the States and wrestling.

Through many matches, Rocco didn't need the sleeper. He was waiting for an important moment to unveil his new talent. The time came during his match against Yamamoto.

"It is important that I execute the

sleeper perfectly," Tony said before the match. "If I can trap a Japanese wrestler in the sleeper, then I'll know I have a great weapon in my control."

Yamamoto heard that Rocco had travelled to Japan to learn the sleeper but claimed it didn't worry him.

"There are many people," the Japanese grappler declared, "who think they can learn the art of the sleeper overnight. This is nonsense. I only hope that if he tries to trap me in the hold that he doesn't hurt himself."

Yamamoto smiled and concluded,



"He'll be in enough trouble being hurt by me and I don't need any help!"

Tony was nervous but excited when he entered the ring that night. Everyone knew what he wanted to do and that Yamamoto was determined that Tony wouldn't succeed. Tony's friends knew how much this meant to him and watched anxiously.

Yamamoto was tense and waiting for Tony to attempt the sleeper and Tony knew it. In the defensive position, Yamamoto left himself open for other holds. Silently thanking Kobe for stressing patience, Tony took advantage of the opening.

Before Yamamoto knew what had happened, he was sailing high into the air to come crashing down on the mat. Stunned, he realized that this was going to be a complete match, not just the demonstration of a hold.

And Yamamoto was ready for action. Springing to his feet, he circled around the ring to avenge the stabbing pain in his body.

With awesome swiftness, he flew at Rocco and returned the punishment. Tony was flipped and the mat shuddered as his back pounded into the canvas. The match seesawed with no man gaining an advantage. Until late in the match.

With two minutes left, Tony spun Yamamoto around and his arms encircled the Japanese's head. The crowd held its breath and then broke into a tremendous cheer. Yamamoto was

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Tony tosses Yamamoto off the top turnbuckle (above). The Japanese judo expert's salt ceremony doesn't help (above).



Rocco locks Yamamoto in a combination arm and headlock (left). Yamamoto's judo chops took their toll on Tony but he still came back to win the match with the dead sleeper hold he learned.



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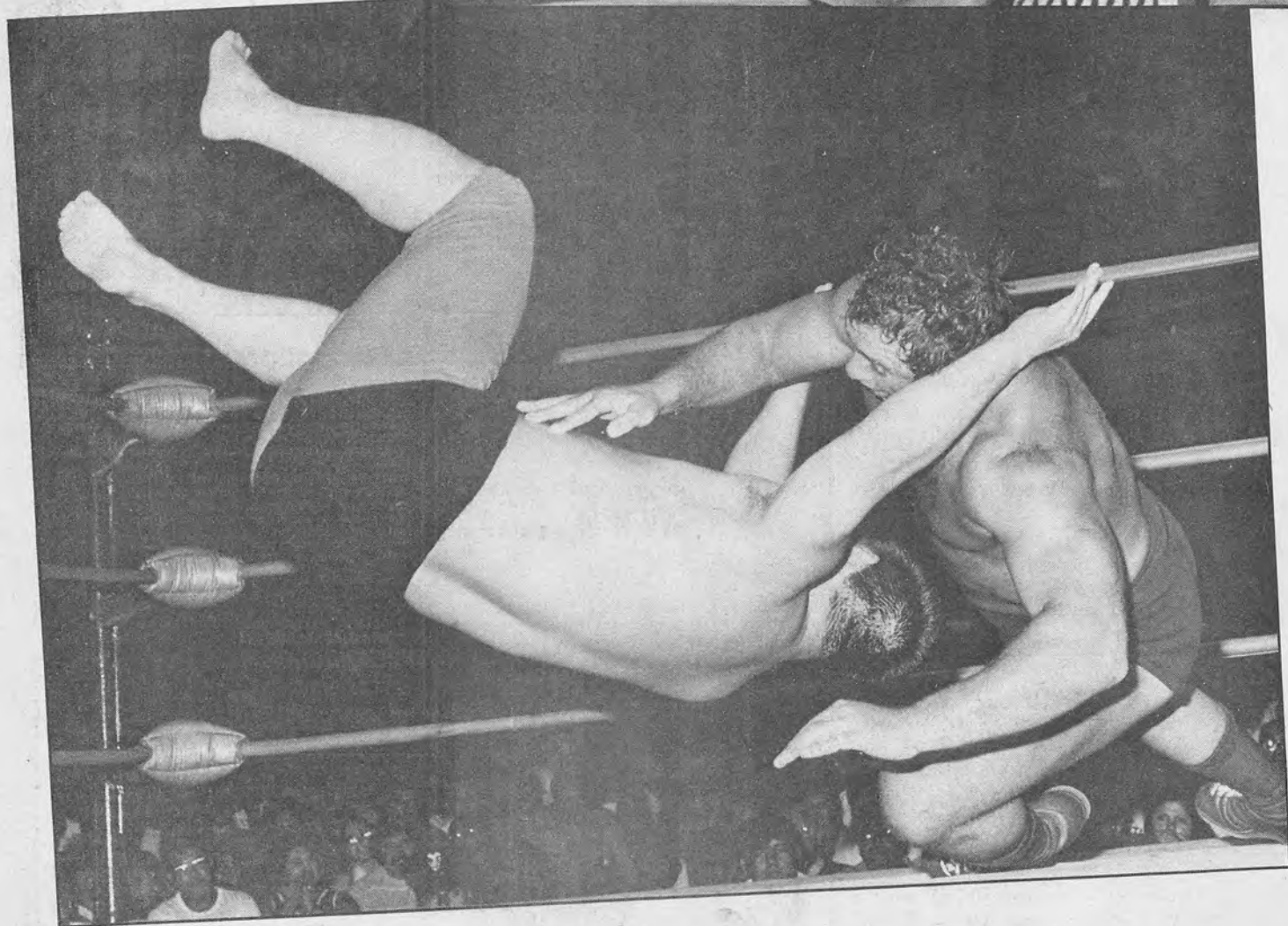
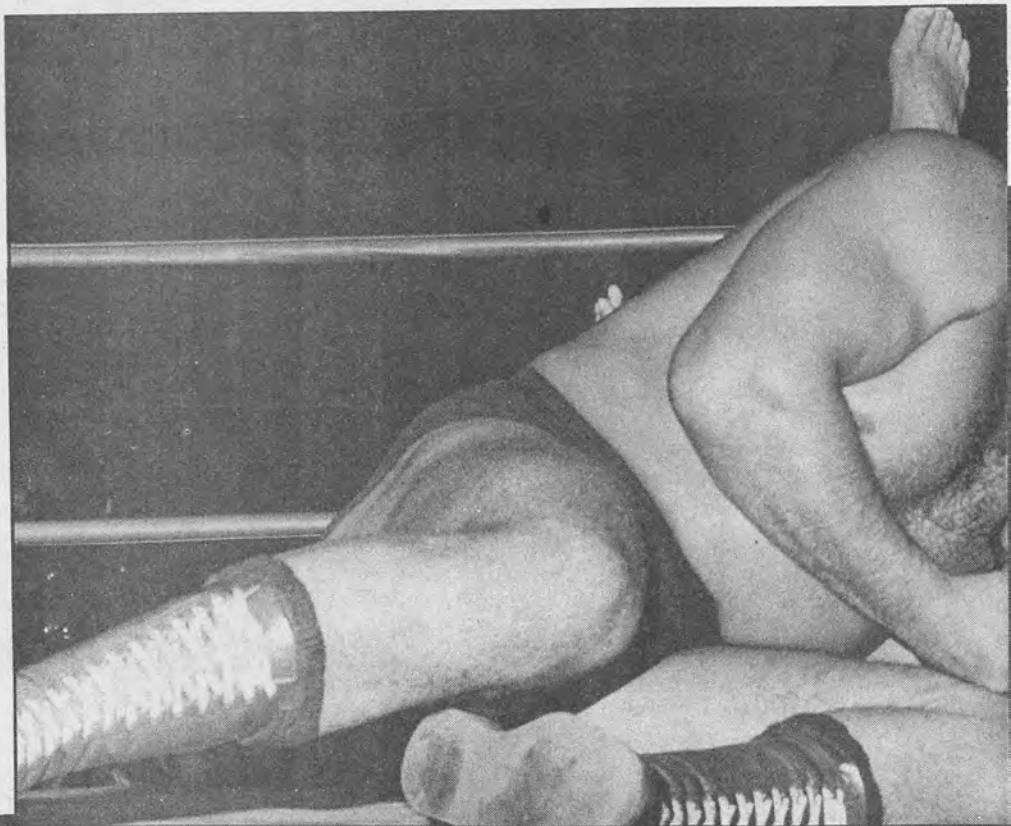
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A take down and headlock has the Japanese star on the verge of quitting (right). Tony follows up with a sensational body slam that rocked the ring (below).

"It was really hard finding an opening to get Yamamoto in that sleeper hold," Tony said. "He, unlike many of the men I wrestle, likes to stay away from you and hit you with leg movements that keep him out of your reach."

"I will get revenge," Yamamoto swears. "No American wrestler can best me with the sleeper hold, a hold my people invented and perfected. He won't get away with what he did for long."





trapped in a sleeper hold.

Yamamoto squirmed and flailed helplessly. The struggle he had put so many of his opponents through was now his struggle. Rocco unrelentingly applied the pressure and Yamamoto began to lose consciousness. The squirming stopped and Yamamoto became surrounded by blackness. He collapsed on the mat and the match was over.

The arena became bedlam. The fans knew that Yamamoto could not be defeated by a sleeper hold unless it was executed perfectly. They had witnessed the beginning of what might be a new chapter in wrestling history—Tony Rocco and his dangerously effective sleeper.

Inside the dressing room, Tony's friends were jubilant. Raul Mata was one of the first to congratulate him.

"Tony, you were magnificent!" Raul shouted. "If you can waste Yamamoto, you can beat anyone. That's got to be the best sleeper in wrestling!"

Tony, remembering the words of Ot-samu Kobe, said, "I've got to wait awhile and practice a lot before I even get good at the sleeper. I'm happy it worked this time, but I don't really have control. There was too much luck involved.

"However," he concluded with a grin, "I'm going to have the best sleeper in wrestling. You can count on it!" □

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Lord Al Hays' fans are heartbroken. He says, "It doesn't pay for me to stick to the rules." They want him to wrestle scientifically again.

served W.W.W.F. title shot. George "The Animal" Steele and Fred Blasie have gotten as many title shots as they please. But the Chief has stopped them both and has not gotten a single title shot.

I and thousands of the Chief's fans want to know why he hasn't received a title shot. I want to ask all the wrestling fans who agree with me to write to the W.W.W.F. and demand a title shot for the Chief and keep asking until justice is served.

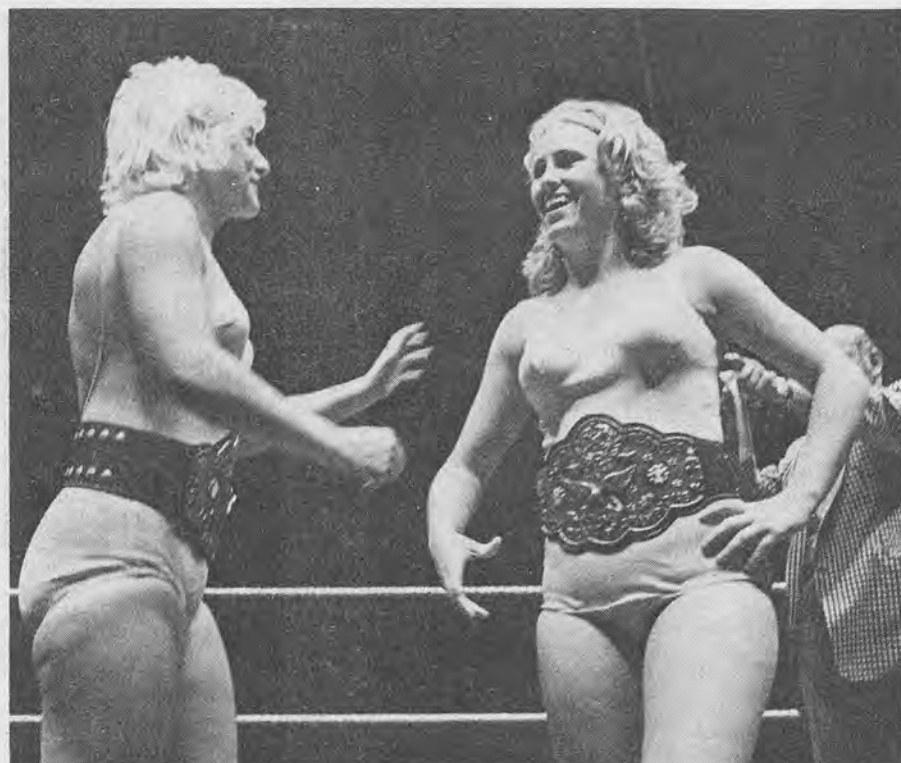
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CHANGE FOR THE WORSE

Is there any hope that Lord Al Hays will return to the kind of wrestling that made him a hero to thousands — scientific wrestling?

I've been heartbroken since I learned of Hays' decision to become a dirty wrestler. One of the darkest



pages of wrestling history was written when Lord Al went under the influence of Roger Kirby.

Roger says he made Al appreciate the finer things in life. Roger probably makes dirty jokes about the Mona Lisa's smile! He has the taste of a decaying flounder!

Al, please return to what your fans want. You may gain a little in the beginning but will lose in the end. The fans mourn for the loss of the scientific Lord Al Hays!

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Welcome to the Grable-Williams era of girl wrestling. In one great match, they brilliantly captured the tag team title from Donna Christenello and Toni Rose. I saw the match and it was fantastic.

Those blonde bombshells are beautiful, brave and talented. Now that the girls have won the tag team championship, how about one of them using the same skill and cunning to defeat the Fabulous Moolah. I'm sure either one could become the new champion and make the sport proud.

I've only seen them once but I love them both!

THEODORE KILBY
Philadelphia, Pa.

DOESN'T CLICK WITH HIM

When Bobby Heenan busted your

Joyce Grable and Vicki Williams congratulate each other after winning the girl tag team title. Most of our readers are in full agreement that Joyce and Vicki are not only good looking, but sensational wrestlers to boot!

photographer's camera (THE WRESTLER/Dec. '73) I wasn't at all surprised. I figured that unfair manager would do something like that. He's always trying to cover up the fact that his men cannot wrestle as good as Bruno Sammartino and Bruiser Heenan, that was a dirty, low down trick. If I was that photographer I'd sue you for every penny you're worth.

MILDRED ZUMAL
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PEDRO'S PROBLEM

You guys must've jinxed Pedro Morales' career. in INSIDE WRESTLING, February 1974, you ask, "How Much Longer Can Pedro Hold Out?" Well just a few days after that issue appeared on the newsstands, Pedro lost the title! I couldn't believe it. I feel terrible because I was one of Pedro's biggest fans but now I'm switching over to Bruno. I support the champion, whoever he is, even if he was still Stan Stasiak. You've got to be the best in the world to hold the W.W.W.F. title.

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POOR PEDRO

Poor Pedro Morales. He lost the title. Well, I'm glad! He was a protected champion. Now that Bruno holds the belt I hope he won't be the same kind of champion Pedro was. I

never saw Bruno during the eight years he held the belt as I just started following wrestling recently. I hope he is worthy of the honors.

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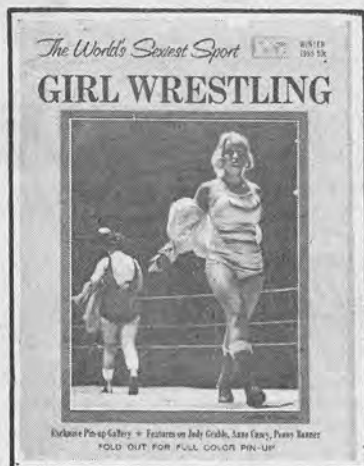
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THE W.W.W.F. TITLE

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Confident of victory, Stasiak and his manager, The Grand Wizard, (right) proudly strut around the ring before the fatal match with Sammartino. The strength of Bruno clearly gave him the upper hand as he easily whips Stasiak after Stan clamped on a vicious headlock (below). Together with his strength, Bruno's large knowledge of holds spelled doom for Stasiak early in the match. Although Stasiak's reign only lasted nine days, he did claim, "I'm proud to say I am the only man to have defeated Morales in a period of almost four years."



"I am so confident that Stan will beat Morales this time," the Wizard boasted, "that I won't even be at the arena. I'll simply join him at the victory party!"

Pedro was anxious to see how Stasiak could handle himself without Wizard's mouth to distract the referee so Stasiak could foul the champ at will while Wizard kept the referee busy.

The match started off fast. Pedro slammed Stasiak down several times with a sensational series of armdrags and body slams. But the confident challenger didn't seem to let them bother him. And what's more, he returned a series of slams that rocked the champ!

Pedro recovered quickly. When he got up, Stasiak clamped on a pun-

ishing, crushing, vise-like headlock. The champ was helpless. Even when he tried to whip Stasiak off into the ropes, he failed. Stasiak was not letting loose. He'd found, through his study, that Pedro had trouble getting out of sturdy headlocks and Stasiak's is one of the best.

After five minutes or so, Pedro smashed Stasiak in the ribs with his elbow. Stan released the headlock and doubled over. Then they began wrestling and exchanging holds again. Moments later, Morales found himself caught in the headlock again.

Five more minutes of pain. Finally, Pedro worked himself and Stasiak toward the corner. He was facing the turnbuckles. He worked himself closer and closer. Then, one foot at a time, as he was still locked in the head-



Bruno whips Stan across the ring (left) and into the ropes. Stan came off and Bruno met him with a spectacular dropkick. Stasiak gets the upper hand (below) as he traps Bruno in a corner and knees him on the throat. But Bruno retaliated and came back to whip Stasiak.

lock, he climbed the corner ropes. When he was three strands up, he kicked back, sending himself and Stasiak crashing to the mat—Pedro on top.

The referee dashed over to the area where Pedro and Stasiak's shoulders were.

"One, two, three," he counted. Stasiak let loose. Pedro got up, raising his hands amid the cheers of the crowd. Then he left the ring. Then the referee went over to Stasiak and raised his hand! The commissioner at ringside handed the belt to Stasiak.

"I won!" he exclaimed. "I knew I could do it!" Stasiak paraded around the ring with the belt. Morales came back out to the arena and climbed into the ring.

"What's going on?" he asked the referee.

"You lost, Pedro!" he explained.

"What?" the confused Morales asked.

"When you kicked back off the ropes, you pinned your own shoulders. Stasiak bridged up at the count of two. You lost fair and square."

Being the sportsman he is, Morales left the ring and accepted the loss. He was one month short of going into his fourth year as champion.

While all this happened, Bruno Sammartino was busy defeating the best wrestlers Japan had to offer in their own country. He had to be back in the States on December 10th to wrestle Stasiak. A contract had already been signed between them. Little did he know he was going to be wrestling for the title he had



lost in '71. "A title," he admitted, "tied me down. Losing the title was the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

The promoters informed him of Stasiak's status just a few days before the match since he arrived in the States several days early.

"I wasn't overjoyed," Bruno recalled, "when I found out I'd be wrestling for the title. Neither was my family because it would take me away from home too often. But I was not about to pull out of my commitment."

And he didn't.

News hadn't reached most New York fans yet about Pedro losing his title. When it was announced at the Garden that Stasiak was the new champion, only boos could be heard. Pedro, scheduled to wrestle Larry Hennig, did so, impressively, and was given a warm ovation by his fans who wanted to show that no love was lost between them because he lost the title. (Continued on page 52)

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THE W.W.W.F. TITLE--

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Nervousness filled the air as over 22,000 fans awaited the appearance of the new champion. And after a short while, with the Grand Wizard leading the way to the ring, Stasiak emerged from the dressing room.

Then came Bruno. The fans treated him like a long lost brother. He was missed by eastern rooters and they made it known they wanted both he and Pedro in their area always.

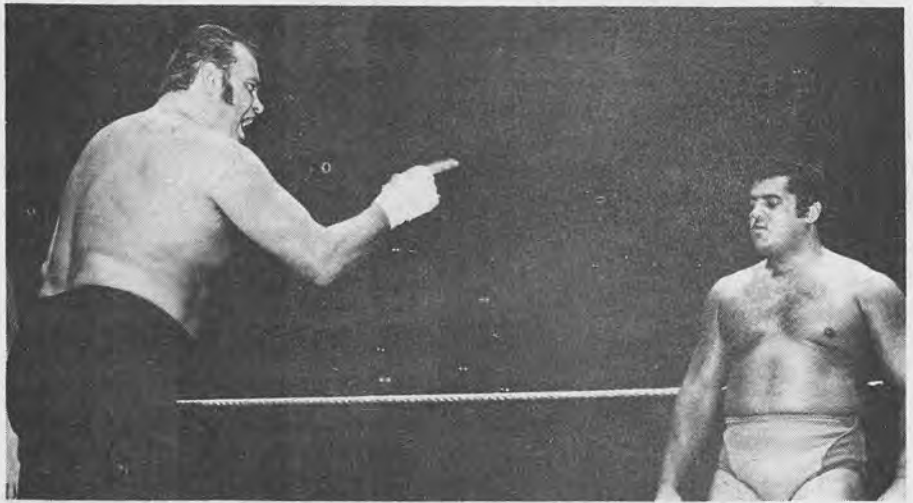
The match was lightning fast, with Bruno in charge most of the time. But Bruno's lead was almost cut short when Stasiak weakened him with a series of kicks and then tried his patented "heart punch."

But he was stopped by Bruno! The ex-champ just blocked it and delivered one of his own that sent Stasiak flying.

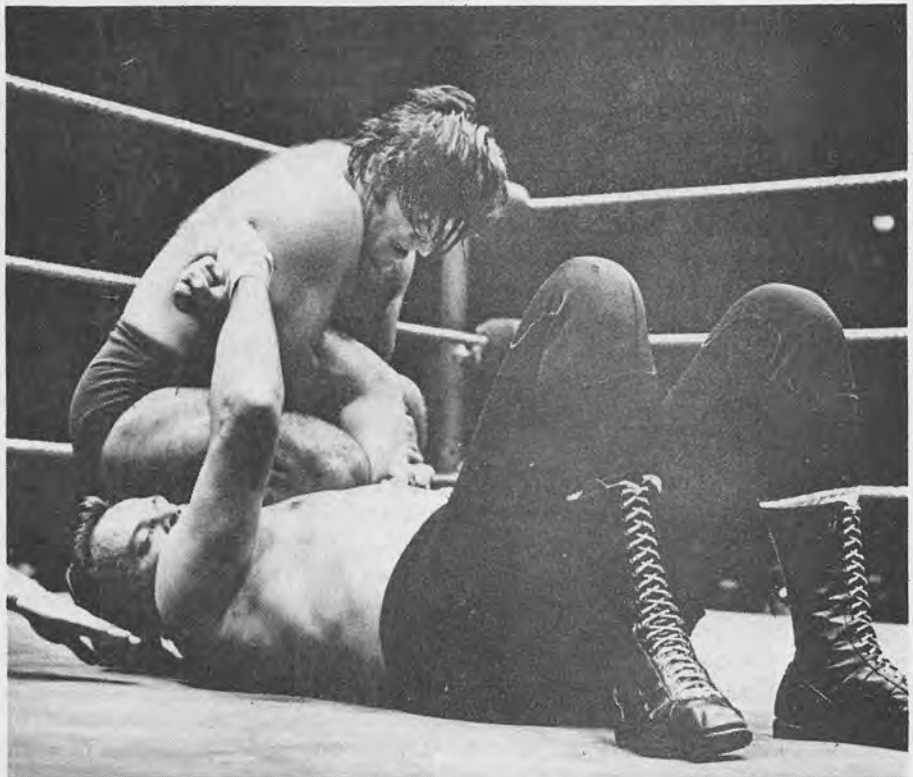
The end came when Stasiak whipped Bruno into the ropes, anticipating kneeling him when he came off. But the quick-thinking Bruno flew over Stasiak's knee and right on top of him, sending him crashing to the mat with Bruno on top of him. It was all over! Bruno was champion again!

The entire crowd went wild. Bruno leaped into the air for joy and his manager, Arnold Skoaland, rushed into the ring to put the belt around Bruno's waist just as he did eight years previous when Bruno won the title from Buddy Rogers.

Pedro Morales stood in the dressing room area, watching the beautiful moment and sharing it with everyone. "The title's in good hands again,"



A gleeful Stasiak poses with the title belt (left) after winning it. "This is your last night as champion," Stasiak (above) warns Pedro. And his threat became reality. Bruno has Stasiak locked in a painful figure-four armlock (below). "Bruno will bring honor to the title," Morales said after witnessing the historical event.



he said to a friend. "I'm glad that Stasiak isn't the champion. Bruno will bring honor to the belt again."

Everyone was overjoyed. Everyone but Stan Stasiak, who claims, "I was given a fast count. So fast I didn't even hear it!"

As for Bruno, he was busy posing for photos and giving interviews to anxious reporters as Pedro Morales looked on.

"Hey Bruno," one reporter said. "Hope you keep that belt for eight more years!"

With that remark, the eight years of pressure returned to Bruno's mind. Now he'd have less time to spend with his family and be on the go day and night once again.

Outwardly Bruno was happy. Inwardly he wondered if he really wanted all this glory and all the pressure again.

Bruno's a bit older now than when he first won the belt in '63. Can he, 11 years later, be the same kind of unbeatable champion he was then?

Only time will tell. □

STRONGBOW (Continued from Page 20)

Battles almost to the death against violent men such as *The Spoiler* (right) and *"The Animal,"* George Steele, have seen the Chief overpower them and still he's refused a title shot! "I guess I'll just wait," he says dejectedly. We feel he's waited too long and should go after other titles if he doesn't get his well-deserved shot in the near future.



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But Chief Jay Strongbow is none of these. If he has any fault, it is that he is too gentle and too patient. Other men in his position might have given up hope of winning the title belt a long time ago.

Gentlemen of the W.W.W.F., you have no excuses. The facts are there for all to see. Neither we nor the fans, judging by our mail, can comprehend what sort of system you have for deciding who gets title shots and who does not. But any system that has prevented a qualified man from getting one for so long cannot be a very good one.

It is not often that we find fault with the W.W.W.F. It is a well-run, efficient organization which has done wonderful things for wrestling in its area. However, this is one time the W.W.W.F. has missed the boat.

This magazine reflects, and always will reflect, the voice of wrestling fans. And wrestling fans throughout North America are saying as one voice that Chief Jay Strongbow deserves an opportunity to win the W.W.W.F. title — NOW!!!

The Editors

some great wrestlers from other parts of the country. We applaud this policy and hope it continues. However, in doing this, it appears the W.W.W.F. is overlooking the great wrestlers in its own backyard.

How many out of area wrestlers have come to Madison Square Garden and been given almost immediate title chances? Too many. Some, like Fred Blassie, Don Leo Jonathan, Spoiler, Luke Graham, King Curtis, Pampero Firpo and Stasiak have been given numerous opportunities.

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JOHNNY POWERS

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hadn't started yet. The Sheik dropped to the mat shaking! He covered his face with his Arabian headdress! He was scared stiff! But Johnny didn't show mercy. He ripped off The Sheik's Jacket and headdress and brought the snake down onto Sheik's forehead! Then he hit the snake's nerve and The Snake bit away! Blood poured out of The Sheik's head as he maniacally tried to get out Powers' reach and out of the ring.

he finally conked out. Was he dead?

That's what Powers must've thought as he unwrapped the snake, put it in a sack he'd kept at ringside for it and started out to the dressing room. But before he could get very far, Pampero Firpo attacked him near ringside. The snake bag dropped and an official picked it up and took it off to the dressing room.

Firpo crazily pummeled Powers and then dragged him into the ring where The Sheik was waiting with foreign object in hand. He battered Johnny bloody.

Finally police rushed into the ring

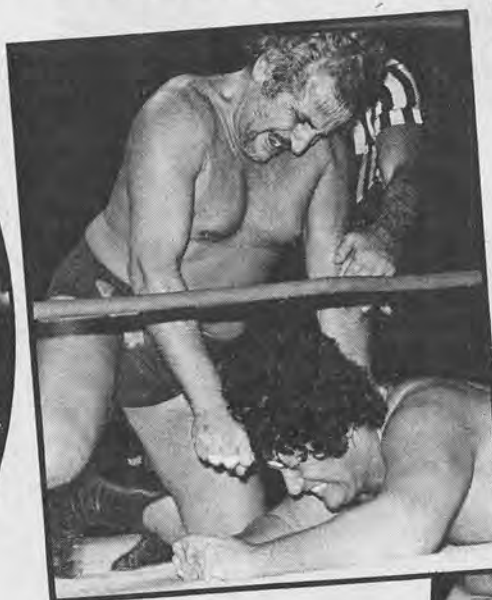


Above: Blood pours from a gash over Johnny Powers' forehead, a result of The Sheik's revenge.

Then Johnny noticed something. The Sheik's pencil was on the mat! Johnny put the snake on the mat and picked up the pencil. He used it on The Sheik cutting him worse! Johnny quickly threw the pencil into the audience and picked up the snake again. Finally, his fantasy was about to come true. He put the snake on the fallen Sheik's neck. It wrapped around and began to choke the life out of him!

"That's it!" the referee ordered. "Enough! The bell never rang. Powers, get that thing off him!"

But Johnny didn't seem to hear—or he didn't want to. He watched with joy as the snake did its work. The Sheik slumped to his knees. With little breath left in him,



The Sheik viciously stabs his pencil into Johnny's forehead (above and right) as blood pours from the ugly gash. Each stab was part of The Sheik's revenge for Powers' use of a snake to attack The Sheik. No matter how agonizing are the screams of Johnny, The Sheik slams the pencil into his skull.

and stopped The Sheik and carried him back to the dressing room. Powers remained on the mat a bloody mess. After a few moments he was able to get up and walk out on his own accord.

"I'm satisfied," Powers said after the match. "I got a real satisfaction seeing The Sheik beg for mercy and not get it. It was well worth it even if I don't get an official victory. Sure I got my lumps. But when you look at



Above: As Powers walks to the dressing room with the snake, The Sheik begins to recover.



the two of us, you'd know it was me who won."

And what was The Sheik's reaction?

"Meester Sheik," Pampero Firpo related, "think Meester Powers ees a beeg man with a snake in hees hand but he not able to do nuttin' without it. Meester Sheik not afraid of Meester Powers. Ohhhhhh Nooooo!"

Also, according to Firpo, The



An official checks out the "foreign object" that Johnny brings into the ring before the match (above). Since he and Sheik were allowed to bring in foreign objects, the snake was alright. Nobody said what kind of foreign objects were allowed. Later (right), John would take The Sheik's foreign object and use it himself.



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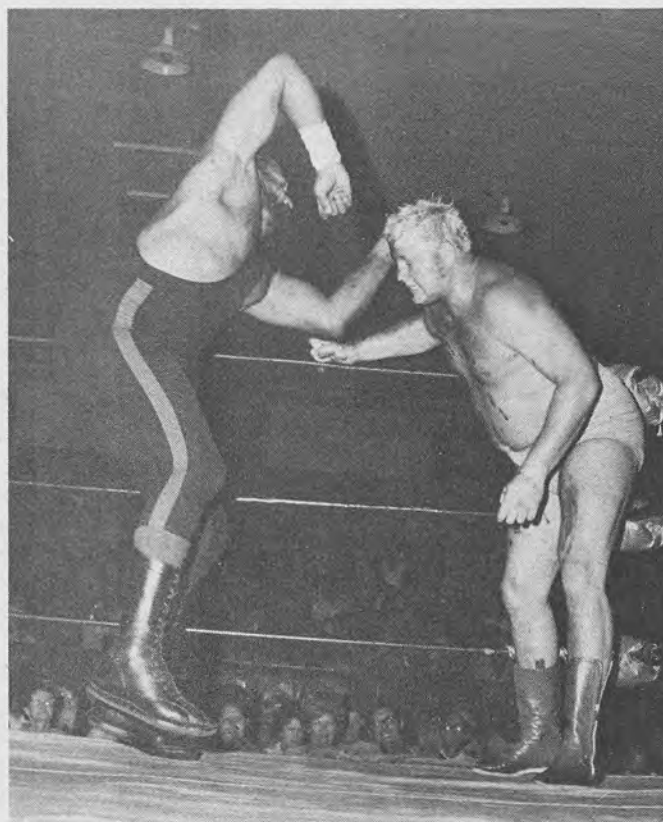
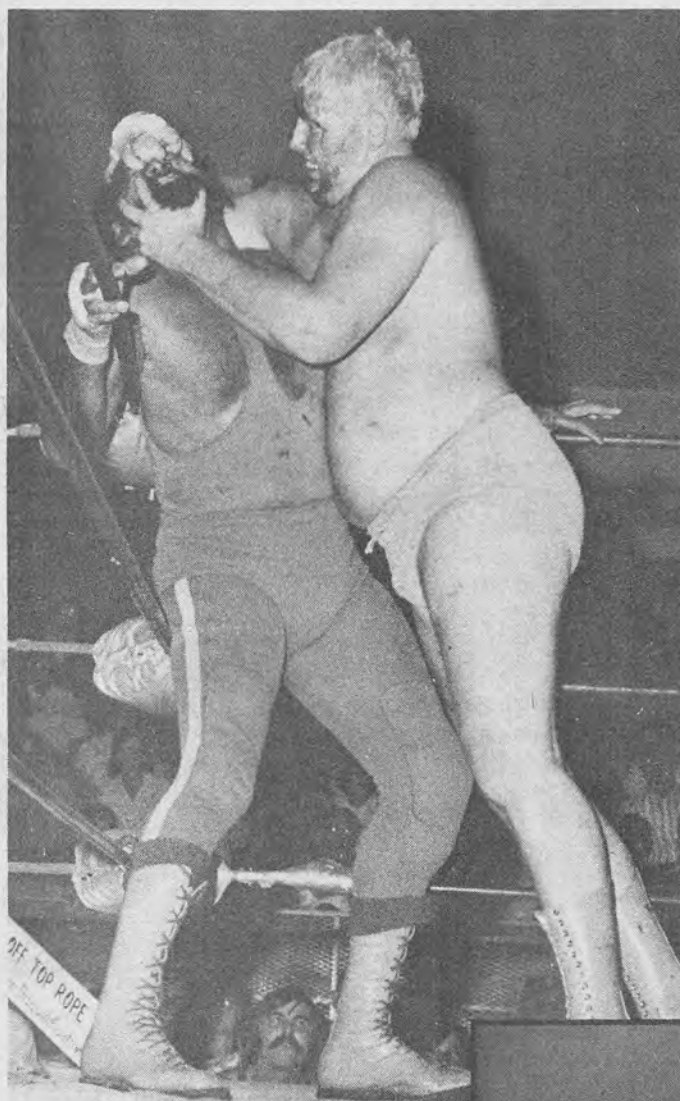
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Murdoch rakes his fingers over Cyclone Negro's face and the blood begins to flow (left). Negro makes sure that Dick suffers as he smashes his fist into Murdoch's face. Dick's face is quickly soaked in blood (above). After the match is over, Negro tries to participate in a battle royal. But Murdoch chases him from the ring as the others look on happily (below). Cyclone has to retreat.

However, the chain was not to play a part in the match until nearly the end. The referee motioned the two men to the center of the ring to have the chain fastened to their wrists. Murdoch was about to have the chain fastened when a fist came smashing into his face.

Blood spurted like a fountain from his nose and mouth. The chain was forgotten as he turned on Negro.

"I'm gonna kill you!" he screamed at Cyclone and tore into him.

But Cyclone neatly side-stepped the enraged Murdoch and Dick found himself in the corner. When he turned, another fist came pounding into his face. This time the target was the Murdoch forehead and it, too, began to bleed furiously. Blood flowing freely from his head, Murdoch slumped to the floor.





Above: A bloody and battered Dick Murdoch defies Cyclone Negro to get near the ring.

It looked like the end and should have been the end. But Negro knew Murdoch's pride and determination. Dick would gain back enough strength to stand. And then the beating could continue.

Sure enough, Murdoch shook his head trying to make sense of his situation. Blood flew over the ring as he tried to clear the cobwebs from his head.

Shakily, he got to his feet. He weaved toward Negro. Cyclone rushed in, happily anticipating more brutality. Fists clenched, Negro ran toward a man who seemed barely able to stand.

Negro smashed his fist — into thin air. Murdoch had been playing possum and neatly side-stepped the rush-

ing Cyclone. However, not all the punches cut the air. Dick smashed his fist hard into Negro's face.

Instantly, the smile was gone. Pain was etched in blood on Negro's face. Cyclone staggered and Murdoch took advantage.

Dick forced Negro into a corner and began to go to work. Knuckles raked over Cyclone's face and blood began to flow freely. Flesh was torn from his face and neck.

Negro fell to the canvas. But Murdoch wasn't satisfied. He stood over the barely conscious Cyclone and demanded that he get up.

"I don't want it to end this way!" Murdoch screamed at Negro while Cyclone writhed helplessly on the mat. Then, with the speed and strength of a boa constrictor, Cyclone's arm lashed out and grabbed Murdoch's leg.

Dick crashed to the floor and Negro began to twist Murdoch's leg. The hard, sharp turns were agonizing. Negro smiled through his bloodsoaked face when he realized that he had the chance to break Murdoch's leg.

He twisted with a power that could have torn off Murdoch's leg. Instead, it tore off Dick's boot, allowing him to escape.

Once free, Murdoch remembered what everyone else in the arena had forgotten — the chain! He ran to the referee and grabbed it.

That was all Negro had to see. Faster than you can say disqualification, he ran from the ring and into the dressing room.

Covered in a grotesque mixture of Negro's blood and his own, Dick grabbed the ring microphone and told the fans, "Cyclone is finished for the night. If he dares to come out for the battle royal, I'll make sure he has to be carried from the arena!"

Murdoch had his wounds dressed at ringside and he waited. The battle royal was announced and the wrestlers entered the ring. Trying to hide in a corner was Negro.

"I warned you," Murdoch screamed, and ran into the ring. The other wrestlers let him through, not wanting to get involved. Either did Negro. Forgetting the \$25,000 first prize, Negro ran back into the dressing room.

Murdoch grabbed the ring microphone again and stated, "I'm coming back to this arena to have a real chain match with Negro. And it won't end until one of us is hospitalized! And it won't be me!" □

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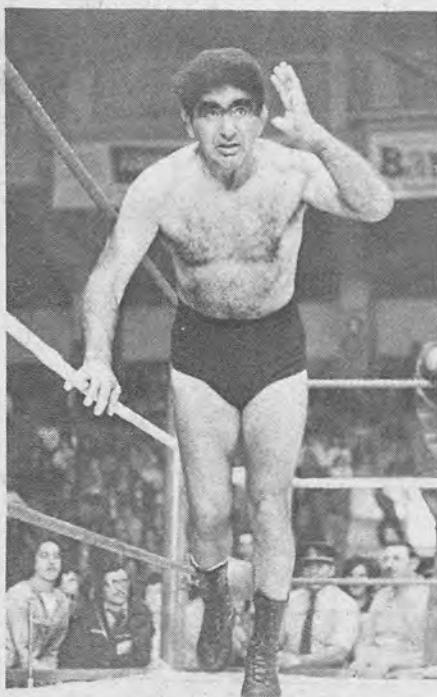


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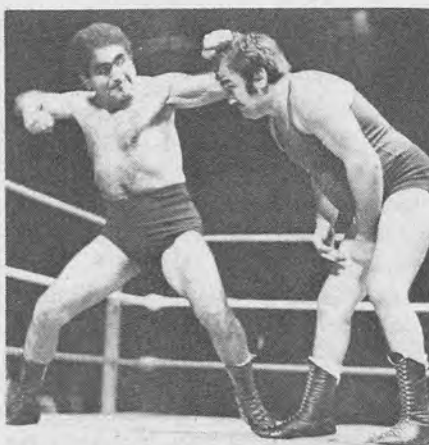
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Curry uses a pair of brass knucks (above) to bash Jacques Rougeau's face in. The Bull can't believe he's been disqualified (left) as he leaves the ring in disgust. Butch Morgan's the victim (right) as Curry punches away to his heart's content. "The Devil made me what I am," Curry says.



him working out, I realized there weren't many people in the world who could hold their own with this kitten."

So Bull was given permission to train — lightly. They might as well have told him to breathe once every

fifteen minutes. When most men in his condition would be living on warm milk and toast, Bull was doing exercises beyond the ability of a man half of his age.

"When they'd ask me why I was working so hard," Curry chortles, "I

told 'em, 'The Devil made me do it.' They don't understand that promises have been made. And Lucifer is a man of his word."

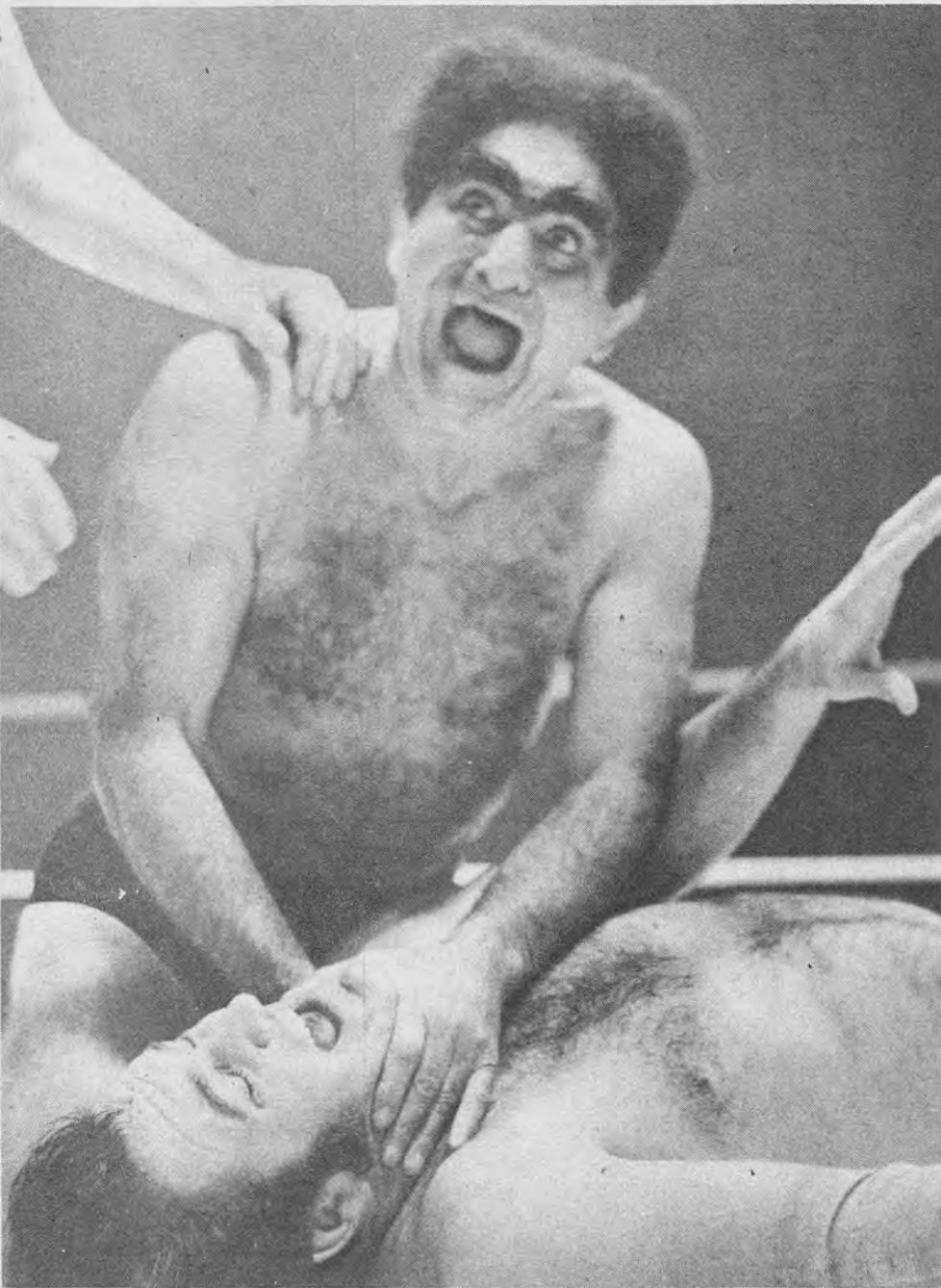
It seems that Lucifer's word is very good. Curry has come back better and crazier than ever. The riots he causes are bigger, he can be restrained less of the time, and now there's nothing he won't do.

Michel Dubois, who wrestled Curry before and after the operation, still can't believe it.

"When I first heard Curry was going to wrestle after the operation, I wanted no part of it. What if the guy should kick off right in front of you? But then I saw him wrestle, and knew that wasn't going to be the problem.

"So I signed to wrestle Bull. When we started, I was going easy on the guy. But it wasn't too long before I was doing anything I could to defend myself. Naturally, I can handle three Bull Currys anytime and anywhere."

Dubois is silent for awhile, then adds, "You know, it's just not natural. Nobody could wrestle like he does after that operation. Now, I know that his talk about the servant



of Satan is nonsense. Still, it's just not natural."

Other wrestlers agree, and a few won't go into any dressing room where Curry has been. More refuse to wrestle him "for personal reasons." Those that do wrestle him are awed by him. One such man is Gorman Purdy.

"That guy almost tore my head off," Purdy says, shuddering at the memory. "He's got a grip like a vise. And he hasn't an ounce of compassion in his entire body. He could see how much agony I was in but didn't let up for a minute. I survived the match. But that wasn't Curry's fault."

Michel "The Judge" Dubois is on the receiving end of Bull Curry's judgement as the Bull sees fit to choke the life out of him.

"It doesn't matter if he's really in the Devil's debt," says Freddy Sweetan, "what matters is that he believes he is. It makes him wrestle like some crazed whirlwind and gives him twice the strength he had." Freddy shakes his head, and adds, only half-jokingly, "I wonder if Satan needs another wrestler."

According to Wild Bull Curry, Satan has one wrestler. And Bull is doing everything in his power to prove one is enough. □

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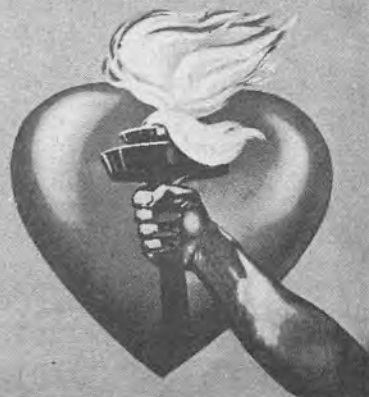
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BETTY NICCOLI'S STRATEGY (Continued from Page 25)



Jean asks the crowd if she should punish Betty again with another body scissors (above). Betty still retains the U.S. Women's title. However, Jean Antoine is now a greater threat to her than ever before.



way Jean could figure of combating that flying kneedrop.

When Betty would come crashing down, Jean hoped to duck under her knees and shove Betty into the ropes. Jean practiced the move over and over, knowing that any mistake in execution would mean disaster.

The night of the match arrived and Jean felt as ready as she'd ever be. She was more nervous for this match than

she had been for any in years. She would either cease to be a victim of the brutal Nicoli kneedrop or be forced to admit that she was completely at its mercy.

The match was furious from the beginning with both girls doing their best to destroy the other. Fists flew, hair was pulled, and bodies crashed repeatedly to the mat. However, Jean soon found herself against the ropes. The moment had arrived.

With a menacing sneer on her face, Betty leaped on Jean's back like she had done many times before. But Jean was ready. And perfect.

Instead of her knees crashing into Jean's back, Betty found herself on Jean's shoulders and heading quickly toward the ropes. Her stomach was almost split by the ropes. She ricocheted backwards and crashed into the mat. She was unconscious and the match was over.

Both girls promise to have something new and brutal for their next match. Jean wants revenge for all the times she feared her back would break. Betty wants revenge for the pain from their last match.

And both girls are determined to make good their threats. □

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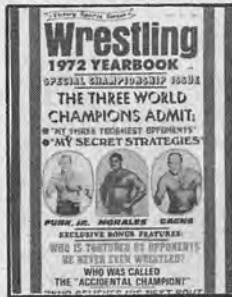
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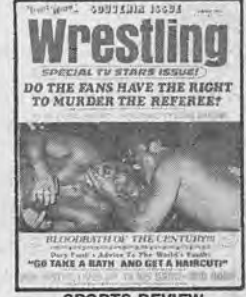
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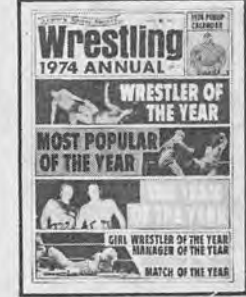
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An enraged Mr. Wrestling uses Krupp's skull as a punching bag and is rewarded for his efforts with Krupp's blood.



The referee slams on the door and demands that Killer Krupp and Mr. Wrestling stop the match in the dressing room and continue it in the ring. For all his shouting and threatening, the two men continue to batter each other senseless behind the door.

were filled with burning anger, went after him with another smash.

Krupp sank to the floor. Mr. Wrestling went in for the kill. His knuckles smashed into Krupp's forehead. Four smashes and blood began to flow from the open gash in Krupp's skull.

The excruciating pain drove Krupp to twist out of his predicament. Like a wounded animal in agony, Killer writhed away from his tormentor. He managed to squirm outside the ring and ran to the dressing room.

But Mr. Wrestling was far from finished. He chased Krupp into the dressing room. The door was jammed shut and all that could be heard was the sound of crashing chairs and heads.

When the referee finally forced the dressing room door open, Krupp emerged — with Mr. Wrestling's mask! Mr. Wrestling refused to come out.

The referee warned him, "If you don't come out right now, I'll have you suspended for six months!"

Mr. Wrestling reluctantly left the dressing room. When the fans strained to see his face, all they saw was a white towel!

The two men got in the ring and Krupp looked at the towel. Then he looked at the two eyes glaring at him. Then he looked at the dressing room door. Then the fans looked at Krupp run back into the dressing room. Mr. Wrestling looked at the fleeing German and angrily grabbed the microphone.

"When I went into the dressing room, Krupp smashed a folding chair across my head. A number of times. When I could no longer stand, he began to choke me. When I could barely move, he took off my mask.

"I hereby challenge him to a Texas Death Match, no holds barred! If I lose, I'll reveal my face to any and all who wish to see it. If I win, and I



Above: Killer Krupp emerges bloody but carrying the bloody mask of Mr. Wrestling. Krupp thinks Mr. Wrestling will be afraid to leave the room.

shall win, Krupp must go back under the rock in Germany from which he crawled. You are my witnesses. The challenge has been laid down. I defy him to accept it!"

Killer Karl Krupp was too busy attending to his wounds to answer the challenge. He promises to answer — once he stops bleeding.

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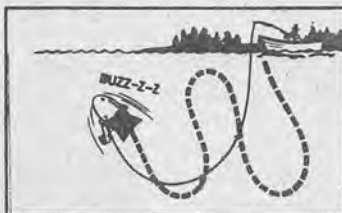
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WRESTLING CAPITALS (Continued from Page 14)



Ray Stevens and Nick Bockwinkel (above) gave Red Bastien a hard time, but Red (left) gave them a harder time and was disqualified!



PENNSYLVANIA ACTION

By Richard Wolfe

Exciting action took place at the Philadelphia Arena as Stan Stasiak, Larry Hennig and Blackjack Lanza teamed against Chief Jay Strongbow, Andre The Giant and Pedro Morales.

Pedro got revenge on Stasiak, the man who won the W.W.W.F. title from him, by giving him a bloody lip while Strongbow put Hennig to sleep with a sleeper hold.

The Giant handled Lanza and he, along with Pedro and the Chief won the three out of five falls.

IOWA ANTICS

By Jim Seward

Red Bastien and Billy Robinson muffed their chance to win the A.W.A. tag team belts still being held by Nick Bockwinkel and Ray Stevens in Mo-line.

In the first fall, Nick was dazzled by Billy's fancy moves and Robinson was finally able to knock him almost unconscious to win the first fall.

The second fall saw the challengers even things up as they double teamed Billy until he finally conceded.

Bastien went wild in the final fall, taking both of them on single handedly. After smashing Nick's head into the turnbuckle several times and being warned to stop by the referee, Red refused and was disqualified.

The never-ending argument between Billy "Superstar" Graham and Ken Patera to find out who is the strongest, finally came to a head.

It was a pretty even contest, up until the climax. Graham climbed the ropes to finish off a fallen Patera with a kneedrop. Ken moved out of the way, sending Graham crashing to the canvas, knee first! Graham was in agony.

Ken followed up with a whip into the turnbuckle. Then he dove, head first, into Graham. But Ken tried that maneuver once too often. Superstar moved out of the way, Ken hit his head on the iron ringpost and couldn't continue. □

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